

Mountain View Whisman School District

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Actions, Updated March 6, 2020

Area	Actions	Effective Start Date	Projected End Date	Date of Reconsideration
School Cancellation	County Public Health is “not recommending school closures at this time because children have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from this virus. As much as possible, children should be allowed to carry on with their education and normal activities.” CDC and County Public Health still believe schools are safe. We think school provides a lot of continuity for many families. If the risk level changes, we will consider closures, in collaboration with County Public Health, based on the given facts and circumstances of the case(s). MVWSD is not considering voluntarily closing schools as this would cause significant disruption to our community.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	daily
Meetings, Gatherings, and Events	We are postponing/cancelling non-essential events, depending on duration, attendee proximity and size. Examples include events, performances, parent meetings, field trips and fundraisers. You will be receiving information from your school/District about what events are affected.	March 6, 2020	April 3, 2020	daily
Distance Learning	If school closure were to occur, the District would work to provide continued learning at home for students. While it is one option, distance learning is not the best instructional option for our students. There is technology to do distance learning, but the technology does not replace the teacher in the classroom. It comes with its own challenges, especially for parents who still have to be present at their workplaces.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	N/A
Sports	All league-sanctioned events and practices remain as scheduled.	March 6, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 3, 2020

	Spectators should stay at arm's length from each other, and high-risk spectators are discouraged from attending.			
Student Attendance	If you are keeping your child home due to concerns, please let us know so that we are aware. Please know that state and county educational agencies have made it clear that students <u>should not</u> receive excused absences for this reason. An exception would be for children whose parents are under quarantine, in coordination with their health care provider and/or employer. If you have concerns, please reach out to your principal.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Students with Pre-Existing Health Concerns	Some children have underlying health conditions, such as weakened immune systems, that put them at higher risk. Caregivers of children with underlying health conditions should consult with healthcare providers about whether their children should stay home. Nurses will work with families on a case-by-case basis to make appropriate accommodations.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	regularly
Communication About Potential Cases	If any of our students or families are confirmed as having coronavirus, Public Health would be in contact with us. Public Health would track, follow up and guide us in any notifications to families. Once a potentially-exposed student is cleared from quarantine, Public Health would notify us, and the District would work to coordinate a student's return to school. As always, MVWSD would treat situations relating to students' health with sensitivity and with confidentiality, as outlined in federal law (FERPA).	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	daily
Wearing Masks at School	The Centers for Disease Control and County Public Health do not recommend healthy people wear masks because they are not effective and sometimes cause breathing difficulty. MVWSD will not be providing masks to students. However, if parents want their children to wear masks, schools will honor that request as	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite

	long as it does not become a classroom distraction.			
External Programs for Students	All programs provided to students by external partners (such as YMCA and Right at School) remain as scheduled subject to the determination of the provider.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite
Health Care Protocol for Students	Students with symptoms of illness will be assessed by a school nurse and may be sent home. Students must be picked up by a parent or person on their emergency contact list. A student with a fever and respiratory symptoms will be put in an isolation area with a surgical mask, if tolerated, while awaiting pick up.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Health Care Protocol for Employees	Employees with symptoms of respiratory illness should be assessed by a health care provider and may be sent home. Employees with a fever and respiratory symptoms will be isolated until able to leave.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Travel	We will continue to inform all of our families of travel restrictions. We may ask families where they have traveled and have our nurses screen students if there are concerns.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Cleaning	We are currently cleaning for flu prevention, with special attention to door handles, drinking fountains and computers. The disinfectants used are effective also against coronavirus. Additionally, after school hours, we are using industrial-grade misters to disinfect common, high-traffic areas and classrooms regularly.	Feb. 3, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Hand Cleanliness	We remind students and staff members about handwashing, which should be done multiple times a day. We also are providing alcohol-based sanitizing wipes for times when handwashing is not practical.	Feb. 3, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Food Service	Food and Nutrition Services are changing self-serve food procedures to reduce student hand contact with food items. Gloves are provided to employees.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020