

Mountain View Whisman School District

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Actions, Updated March 11, 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. CDC and County Public Health still believe schools are safe. We believe school provides a lot of continuity for many families. If the risk level changes, we may 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. 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 10, 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 for 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	Per county direction, all league-sanctioned events and practices within 30 miles remain as scheduled. Spectators should stay at arm's length from each other, and high-risk spectators are discouraged from attending.	March 6, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 3, 2020

Student Attendance	As MVWSD is required by California Education Code, we will code any student who chooses to not attend school based on the concern of contracting the COVID-19 virus as “unexcused.” That being said, we also understand that families can still make a choice to keep their children at home during this time. For the next few weeks, we will not be taking any truancy action or disenrolling students accruing unexcused absences. If a student has extenuating health circumstances, please contact your principal to identify appropriate next steps. Children whose parents are under quarantine, in coordination with their healthcare provider and/or employer, will receive excused absences. If you have concerns or want to inquire about your student’s missed work, 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	The Centers for Disease Control and County Public Health do not recommend	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite

School	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 long as it does not become a classroom distraction.			
Before/ Afterschool Care Programs for Students	Before/ Afterschool Care Programs provided to students by external partners - YMCA, Newton, City of MV and Right at School - remain as scheduled subject to the determination of the provider.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite
Healthcare 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
Healthcare Protocol for Employees	Employees with symptoms of respiratory illness should be assessed by a healthcare 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. Non-essential travel of both students and staff is suspended due to the potential to increase the risk of transmission of novel coronavirus into other communities.	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 is 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
Volunteers	Volunteers are not to come to campus for the next few weeks, for their health and that of our students. We appreciate our volunteers' understanding and apologize for the inconvenience.	March 10, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Field Trips	Field trips are cancelled through April 3. This includes school-sponsored festivals and competitions, concerts, trips to Disneyland or Great America, for example.	March 10, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
School-contracted classroom programs from outside providers	(examples: Olimpico afterschool programs, Living Classroom, Harmony Plus Parent education, Imagineerz Learning, Friends of Vision Literacy, LEAP classes, etc.) are cancelled or postponed. Afterschool care programs such as Beyond the Bell, Right at School, YMCA, etc., continue to operate	March 10, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Vendor-provided programs on campus for students not contracted by District/ school	(examples: Run for Fun, CSMA afterschool classes, Basketball, etc.) will not be holding meetings and practices on MVWSD's campuses.	March 16, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Walden West Science Camp	Will remain open, per the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). SCCOE will employ enhanced cleaning and safety protocols. Students and staff will maintain arms-length proximity during meals, sleeping, and other activities. Individuals who are not well should not attend and all attendees should adhere to public health guidelines for those with existing medical conditions. If the camp	March 10, 2020	June 4, 2020	March 23, 2020

	<p>is still open at the time of our scheduled dates, parents can make the decision whether to send their students, and fees paid will be reimbursed. Students who don't attend science camp will be expected to attend school instead.</p>			
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