SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear South San ISD Family,

Many of you have expressed concern about the international coronavirus and how it could possibly affect our community. I want to assure you that our school district is keeping close track of this situation through our local health department, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These health officials believe the risk to our school community is low at this time.

Much is being learned about this newly emerged virus. Based on the current information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools should take the same steps to protect against coronavirus as we take to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or spece.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

While a new type of illness can be scary, we can protect our students, teachers, and the broader community by using simple everyday actions that protect people from other types of respiratory viruses. Our district staff is working carefully to encourage the simple and effective measures listed above.

Updated information from the CDC on coronavirus in the United States can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. The most recent information about coronavirus in Texas may be found at: https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/.

Thank you for your support of our district, our schools, students, teachers and staff.

Sincerely,

Dolores Sendejo, Interim Superintendent