



MEMBER ALERT

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

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California officials issued updated guidance to schools, colleges and universities, event organizers and public health officials as they plan for further spread of COVID-19.

"It's a question of when – not if – some California public schools will face closure because of COVID-19. School districts must prepare for these scenarios so that parents and children can plan for what would happen if their local school faced closure," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

"It's also not lost on anyone that these scenarios would put significant stress on families– especially those with the least financial resources. Already, we are seeing how this outbreak is having significant economic impact on families, workers, businesses and communities across California. The state of California is working around the clock to help shoulder the burden that Californians are facing during this crisis. We really are all in this together," added Newsom.

"We understand Californians are concerned about the spread of COVID-19 and remind them that the best way to protect yourself and others is by washing your hands, covering your sneeze or cough, staying away from others who are sick, and staying home if you are sick. This new guidance is designed to help California improve preparation and prevention," said Dr. Sonia Angell, Director of the California Department of Public Health and State Health Officer.

During this time of declared Public Health emergency, SIA encourages all member districts to work very closely with your local County Public Health Department and County Office of Education as they are positioned to provide the guidance needed for challenging situations and decision making. This includes decisions such as whether or not to cancel or postpone athletic events & participation, activities, field trips public gathering events, classes or even closing schools.

There are additional resources and guidance available from the following agencies including California Department of Public Health guidance for schools, California Department of Education Guidance for Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) interim guidance for school administrators. Each of these sources of information provides incredibly important insight and information including guidance for cleaning and sanitizing schools, handling students who are sick, responding to the need for time off during this time.

All information is available on the SIA website and will be continuously updated in the upcoming weeks.

<http://www.sia-ipa.org/resources/school-risk-management-and-compliance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools/>

Guidance and Resources:

California Department of Public Health - OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 - \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [California Releases Updated Guidance for Schools, Colleges & Large Public Events to Prepare and Protect Californians from COVID-19](#)
 - [Guidance for large events](#)
 - [Guidance for schools](#)
- **Proper Handwashing Guidance:** [Downloadable Posters](#)
- **Coughing & Sneezing Hygiene Etiquette:** [Downloadable Posters](#)
- **Don't Spread Germs at Work** (Downloadable Poster)

Sacramento County Department of Public Health

- Understanding Coronavirus and the health risks: [Get the Facts on Coronavirus - Video](#)

California Department of Education

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) - [Information and resources regarding coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and California's response.](#)
 - [2019 Novel Coronavirus Information Document; Attachment to the March 5, 2020 letter from Tony Thurmond regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance Update for Schools and School Districts.](#)
 - [Resources for Preparing for Pandemic Influenza](#)

CDC (Center for Disease Control) - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs - Plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus disease 2019](#)
 - [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
 - [FAQs for Administrators](#)
 - [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#)
 - [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for parents, school staff, and others working with children](#)
 - [Checklist for Teachers, Parents, and Administrators](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)

California School & Child Care Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- [Do I need training to use a disinfectant?](#)
- [IPM Training for School Staff - Online Training Options](#)
- [Reminders for Using Disinfectants at Schools and Child Care](#)
- [What About Hand Sanitizers?](#)
- EPA [Approved Cleaners](#)

Cal/OSHA

- [Interim Guidelines for General Industry on 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)

State of California - Employment Development Department

- Guidance for Workers and Employers - [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

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WORRIED ABOUT FLU OR CORONAVIRUS?

**HELP FIGHT
THE
SPREAD OF
ILLNESS**



WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.
HAND SANITIZER IS GOOD IN A PINCH.

KEEP HANDS AWAY
FROM MOUTH, NOSE OR EYES TO AVOID
TRANSFERRING GERMS.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT
FREQUENTLY USED SURFACES LIKE COUNTERS, LIGHT
SWITCHES, DOORKNOBS, AND REMOTES.

COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES
WITH A TISSUE, THEN THROW
TISSUE AWAY AND WASH YOUR HANDS.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME
FROM WORK, SCHOOL, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AVOID
CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESOURCES VISIT: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus