

COVID-19 UPDATE  
March 26, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Dear Stanislaus County School District Staff, Students, and Families,

Many areas in California, including Stanislaus County, are experiencing an expanding outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19). When public schools closed on March 19, there were only 2 known cases and 19 pending test results. Today, there are 12 positive cases. To prevent even more spread of COVID-19, the Stanislaus County Office of Education, in collaboration with the 25 school districts in the county, and the Stanislaus Public Health Department, is announcing that school closures are extending through May 3, 2020. At the earliest, students will return to school on May 4.

School administrators across Stanislaus County appreciate the proactive illness prevention steps that our families and staff have taken. We encourage you to continue washing hands for 20 seconds, cough or sneeze into your sleeve and stay at home if possible. If you need to go out, please practice “Social Distancing” by remaining at least 6 feet away from others.

Currently, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Service is providing daily updates on the StanEmergency Facebook page. A video message or live video airs every day at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday’s update features a question and answer session.

Parent resources are available from local school districts and on the Stanislaus County Office of Education’s website at [www.stancoe.org/coronavirus](http://www.stancoe.org/coronavirus). It is critical that learning continues for all students during school closures. We cannot let students who have worked so hard, lose progress while away from the classroom setting.

### **Continued Services Provided by School Districts and SCOE**

- School Meals
- Childcare
- Special Education

## **Distance Learning and Instruction**

- Information will be sent to parents from each school district

We recognize the significant impact extending school closure will have on our entire community, students, families, and staff. **This is unprecedented.** We acknowledge the anxiety this may cause our students, especially our seniors who are focused on graduation and those students who depend on SPS In-district Special Education for critical services. We also recognize the burden this will place on our staff and working families.

This is a challenging time for our community and we are committed to working with you in the best interest of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Scott Kuykendall  
Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools