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Message to El Dorado County

In response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 circumstances and the potential impact in El Dorado County, School District Superintendents and the County Superintendent of Schools, have decided in concurrence with Dr. Nancy Williams, County Public Health Officer, to extend the closure of all public El Dorado County schools through the district's upcoming spring break. We urge families to prepare for closures of a longer duration. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of closures. Dr. Nancy Williams continues to report that while there are no current positive cases in our county, the El Dorado County Public Health Division expects to begin seeing positive cases in the coming days and weeks, which may require a continued response.

During the time of the school closure, we are asking that students and families follow the County Public Health Officer's directive to stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible. Dr. Williams emphasizes that, "while school dismissals are intended to protect students, teachers, and staff, we need everyone to take social distancing seriously if we are to achieve the greater benefit of protecting everyone in the County from COVID-19."

This is a dynamic situation where information and circumstances can evolve quickly. We are grateful to community members and our community leaders throughout our county for their tremendous care, collaboration, and understanding during these challenging times.

For the latest updates, visit:

- El Dorado County Public Health website: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19.aspx>
- El Dorado County Office of Education website: <http://edcoe.beehv.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information>

Sincerely,

Dr. Ed Manansala, El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools
Jeremy Meyers, Superintendent, Black Oak Mine Unified School District
Dr. David Roth, Superintendent, Buckeye Union School District
Matt Smith, Superintendent, Camino Union School District
Dr. Ron Carruth, Superintendent, El Dorado Union High School District
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