



# Sacramento Valley Charter School

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Dear SVCS Community:

As you may have already heard Natomas Unified School District has opted for the closure of their schools for Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. As it was stated by them there are no cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the Natomas Unified School District. Their closure is merely to have time to deep clean their facilities.

The safety of all Sacramento Valley Charter School (SVCS) scholars is our top priority, and we take the current pandemic of the COVID-19 very seriously. We are currently deliberating on protocols for school closure, including the possibility of remote learning. If school closures are announced by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and if we are aware of a direct risk to our scholars from someone who tested positive, we will immediately act towards the closure of SVCS.

As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, there is no SVCS student and/or family member diagnosed with COVID-19. There is only ONE confirmed case of COVID-19 of an elderly lady in Yolo County. SVCS is taking extra precautions, such as, sending home any student who presents even minor symptoms of the common cold, and ensuring complete cleaning of classrooms, door handles, and other surfaces. The cafeteria (lunch area) is being disinfected multiple times a day and has been separated from the regular visitors. Scholars are now required to wash their hands at a place exclusively reserved for them. In addition, SVCS has cancelled all non-essential activities such as field trips, library visits, assemblies, and visitor/volunteer passes.

SVCS has been in close contact with the Yolo County Office of Education, Washington Unified School District (WUSD) and CDPH in monitoring COVID-19. It is recommended by the Yolo County that mass gatherings and large community events be cancelled if possible. Mass gatherings bring people from multiple communities into close contact with others and may increase the potential to be exposed to COVID-19. These mass gatherings may include events such as: religious services, sporting events, plays, music concerts, assemblies and conferences.

We are aware that Governor Newsom has issued a warning towards non-essential gatherings of 250 people or more; recommending for the gathering to be rescheduled or canceled. Social distancing applies for such gatherings. In small classrooms situations we are not allowing any visitors in school grounds for our student's safety.

As it was clarified by the Yolo County, social distancing should be increased among those who are more susceptible or immune-compromised. Elderly with preconditions are more prone to exposure than children as per the reports.

SVCS has made sure that thorough cleaning is being carried out regularly by janitors, teachers and staff members in buses, classrooms, and all other surfaces.

Those who have traveled abroad are being isolated and put into independent study for two weeks after their arrival and if in those two weeks no symptoms develop the student can return to school with a physician note stating that they are clear to return to normal activities. If any student shows any symptoms of cough and/or fever they are immediately separated from the class and parents are notified. If you suspect any flu-like symptoms we ask that you do not send your student to school.

As of today, we are monitoring the situation very closely and discussing if future closure is necessary. In collaboration with Yolo County Health & Human Services and WUSD we are drafting possible methods of online education in case schools must close.

In the meantime, please keep following these precautions diligently:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/coronavirus>

<https://dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Pages/Communicable-Disease-Control/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-%282019-nCoV%29.aspx>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you, we will keep updating you as new information is released.

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