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AUSD Joins forces with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization, the California Department of Public Health, and the County of Riverside Department of Public Health to to Protect the Health and Support the Wellbeing of Students and Staff.

The California Department of Public Health reports that the health risk to the general public of contracting the coronavirus remains low. Despite that fact, AUSD is messaging the dangers of this disease and taking action to make everyone aware of the symptoms and to take precautions to protect themselves and their families. AUSD's health care team are poised and available to address any concerns families and staff may have regarding the coronavirus.

Regarding sending children attending our schools, AUSD is monitoring all students with respiratory illness symptoms, which include the following flu-like symptoms:

- Runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Shortness of breath

AUSD has asked parents and caretakers to closely monitor children's symptoms at home. Child with a temperature of 100°F or higher may not attend school until the child is fever free for 24 hours without having taken fever-reducing medication.

To remain current on the coronavirus and all health concerns, AUSD is encouraging all stakeholders to frequently visit the Riverside University Health System Coronavirus web page to stay informed from a reliable source. We remain confident that Dr. Cameron Kaiser, the Public Health Officer for the County of Riverside, has his finger on the pulse of the coronavirus (and every other health concern that poses a threat to our residents). We will continue to rely on Dr. Kaiser and his team for the latest information on the Coronavirus and all health concerns.

Other useful websites AUSD is encouraging stakeholder to visit frequently include the include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization, and the beforementioned California Department of Public Health.

ABOUT US: Alvord Unified School District serves the westernmost portion of the city of Riverside, as well as parts of the city of Corona and an unincorporated area of Riverside County. We serve about 18,500 students in fourteen K-5 elementary schools, four 6-8 middle schools, three comprehensive 9-12 high schools, and two alternative education centers.