

Tuolumne County School Closures to Be Extended Through May 1, 2020

Sonora, CA – All Tuolumne County District Superintendents, in collaboration with the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, have made a unified decision to extend school closure through May 1, 2020, to slow the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to the maximum extent. The safety and wellness of students, school personnel, and the community are the highest priorities of the schools and districts in Tuolumne County.

Building on Governor’s Shelter in Place Executive Order dated March 22, 2020, the Order of The State Public Health Officer dated March 19, 2020, requiring all residents to shelter in place, and in consultation with the Tuolumne County Health Officer, the districts in Tuolumne County have been working together over the last several weeks to align strategies and practices during this unprecedented time for public education. With the support and collaboration of the Tuolumne County Health Officer, districts recognized the need to extend the period of school closures through May 1, 2020, and we expect to resume school on May 4th if conditions allow. If further extensions become necessary, those decisions and announcements will be made at the appropriate time. School facilities may remain open for staff to perform tasks deemed essential by the districts or the county office. Education will continue through flexible learning including on-line and remote learning options, and meals will continue to be provided.

During this time, we expect our community to continue adhering to the “Shelter in Place” Orders and stay home except for essential activities until further notification from the local health department.

Also, all residents are urged to keep practicing the guidance provided by Public Health including:

- Social distancing
- Washing hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Staying home if you are feeling sick
- Contacting your healthcare provider if you are experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.
- Engaging in regular exercise or physical activity

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools will continue to work in close partnership with the local health department and districts to support the children, parents, and essential workforce. We understand the hardship that the extended closure places on families and we are working to support our districts and the students and families they serve in every way possible to safeguard they have critical learning opportunities and are provided with the resources they need. Updates can be found at www.tcsos.us.