



COVID-19 Update #9; March 13, 2020

Dear SVUSD Community,

I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate through the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. As you know, we have been in constant communication and collaboration with a plethora of health and education agencies over the last weeks, as well as with our staff and all of you. Through this collaboration we have consistently followed the guidance of the California Department of Public Health, the Orange County Healthcare Agency, and the Centers for Disease Control regarding procedures and protocols for the operations of our schools and attendance of our students.

In light of the recent National Emergency declaration by President Trump, along with the input of several county and district officials, the SVUSD Board of Education, in an emergency session decided that **all Saddleback Valley Unified schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th, with the possibility of closing for a third week as the situation warrants.** At this time, Spring Break will remain during the week of April 6. This decision has not been made lightly, as we are aware of the far-reaching impact school closures will have on our families, staff, and community. There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus among SVUSD students or staff and the closure is a proactive measure that is being taken to help prevent the spread of the virus and to protect public health.

Schools are an essential service and crucial to our communities and we understand that there will be many questions regarding how school closures will impact instruction, events, and ancillary services. I want to assure you that we are working with local, regional, and state partners as we assess how we can best support our students, staff and families during the closure.

We will be sharing more detailed information soon about how families can support student learning during school closures. We will provide all families and staff with updated information as it becomes available. Please continue to frequently monitor your email for updates.

Thank you for your partnership and support as we ensure the continued safety of our students and staff.

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Superintendent