

Acalanes Union High School District

COVID-19

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How are schools being cleaned?

We are taking extra precautions with cleaning and sanitizing each night and surfaces are being wiped down during the day. We are ensuring that our soap dispensers are functional and increasing the availability of hand sanitizers. We are also in preparation should there be need for targeted or general deep cleaning in our schools.

Will the schools close?

We have not made any decisions regarding potential school closure and will avoid such unless we identify clear benefits for the health and safety of our students and community. CC Health Services will guide our decision-making (and can direct school closure). CC Health Services informs us that if the virus is in the community, school closure can have minimal benefit for preventing the spread of a virus and have profound negative public health implications, especially without a full community quarantine.

Will online learning options be available?

We are exploring and developing our online options for students who need to stay home for extended periods of time or should there be a long-term school closure. For now, we are asking our teachers to increase postings and communication through our Google and SchoolLoop platforms to facilitate continued learning for students who are home from school.

Will field trips be cancelled?

Field trip decisions (revisions to itinerary and/or cancelation) will be made on a case by case basis depending on risk to students. To date, we have not had to cancel any field trips due to COVID-19. Remember that field trips are voluntary, and students who do not attend will not be penalized and will be allowed to complete any "assignments" through alternative means. Unfortunately, if field trips are canceled, some or all of field trip donations may not be refundable.

Will sports be canceled?

At this point we have not had to cancel any practice or games/events for our athletics teams. We continue to monitor and consult with CC Health Services regarding risks at these events and will continue to review and assess as COVID-19 incidence increases. Currently, CC Health Services recommends that people who are at higher risk from COVID-19, including adults over 50 and people with certain underlying medical conditions, should avoid mass gatherings, such as parades, sporting events or concerts.

Will large events such as performing arts and parent education events be canceled?

School musicals, other performances and parent education events are being evaluated on a case by case basis regarding cancellation and rescheduling. To date, no events have necessitated cancellation. We will continue to monitor. Currently, CC Health Services recommends that people who are at higher risk from COVID-19, including adults over 50 and people with certain underlying medical conditions, should avoid mass gatherings, such as parades, sporting events or concerts.

Are there travel restrictions for Spring Break?

While we cannot restrict the travel of our students and families, please consider that there are some [travel-related quarantine recommendations from CDC](#) now (China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea), and recommendations could expand in the coming weeks. Travel could result in students being asked to stay home for a period of 14 days upon their return.

Are many students missing school and what if my student is absent from school?

At this point, we are not seeing any uptick in student or staff absence. We will continue to monitor and compare to historical data. To remind again, we ask that staff and students with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) stay home. We will make all efforts to support students who are home sick. Also, we understand and respect your family's decision to keep a healthy student at home if you have the means and feel it is your best option.