



## McFarland Unified School District

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December 4, 2020

Dear McFarland Unified Families and Staff,

Due to the most recent announcement by California Governor Newsom referencing the possibility of a "Stay at Home Order" and the increase in positive COVID-19 cases throughout Kern County, the District has decided to pause all in-person instruction starting on December 14<sup>th</sup> for **ALL** students.

All school sites will transition back to Distance Learning (December 14 – January 22). The district will remain on Distance Learning through the holidays and has scheduled a tentative in-person return date of January 25, 2021 for all small groups presently on campus. These small groups include Special Ed., MIDC, TK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Cafeteria Hub/Club, SES, Kern Tutoring, and Sylvan.

During this same period of time (December 14, 2020 – January 22, 2021) we will limit the amount of staff located at each district and school site. Should you need any assistance during this time, please contact the site phone number for further directions.

Stopping in-person instruction and limiting the number of employees at each site is a preventive safety measure taken by the District to keep all students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.

It's important we all continue to follow these health guidelines and encourage others to do so to protect against COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Use a tissue or your elbow to cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough. Throw used tissues in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Practice social distancing to avoid close contact with other people.
- Stay at home and away from others when you are sick.
- If at all possible, stay at home and away from others even if you don't think you are sick. (Four out of five people with the virus contracted it from someone who did not know they were sick.)

We will continue to work with the Kern County Health Department and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to communicate with you any additional information or guidance.

Sincerely,

S.A. Resendez  
Superintendent