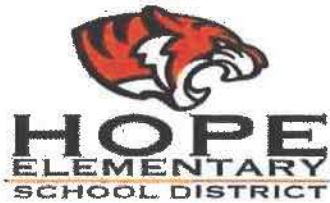


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Dear parents and guardians,

Tulare County Public Health Department has announced the first positive case of the coronavirus (COVID-19), here in Porterville.

At this time, we are being advised that the risk to students and staff remains low. We will continue to keep you updated as we receive updates from local, county and state officials, including the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in consultation with the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE).

Currently, we are reviewing all field trips and other extracurricular activities. At this time, we have been notified that our 6th grade SCICON will be rescheduled for April 20-24. We have also been notified that the TCOE Poetry and Prose event is canceled. In addition, we have removed our students from the Ducor Track Meet.

As a reminder, we encourage everyone to take daily preventative measures.

- *Stay home when sick
- *Remain at home when running a fever. Fever must be gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.
- *Cover your cough
- *Wash hands frequently

On Friday, after dismissal, our custodial staff will be deep cleaning and disinfecting classrooms. Rest assured that we have always taken precautions against the spread of germs and will continue to be vigilant upon our return from Spring Break.

Be well Hope School community!

Melanie Matta