



## RUSD Headline News Tuesday, November 10, 2020

### A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parent and Guardians,

As we continue living in the frequently changing environment of a global pandemic, I know that families want to experience some sense of normalcy. With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up in a few weeks, we ask that everyone continue to demonstrate COVID-19 best practices of wearing a face mask, maintaining physical distance, and frequent hand washing. These practices, along with participating in a small social bubble, has reduced the spread of COVID-19 in our county and if continued will keep our numbers low and our schools open.

#### **Stay Healthy Over the Holidays!**

Please carefully read the Public Health [Emphasizes Safe Holidays and Travel](#) guidance that was released by the Bay Area Health Departments yesterday. The main themes include:

- [Holiday Travel Guidance](#)
- [Holiday Gatherings Guidance](#)
- [Ideas for Safe Celebrations](#)

#### ***When considering gatherings for the holidays, please remember:***

Do not attend if anyone in the household has COVID-19-like symptoms or you have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to age or medical conditions.

#### **SMALL: Limit gatherings to no more than 3 households**

When people from different households are together at the same time in the same space, the risk of spreading COVID-19 goes up. Gatherings of more than 3 different households are not allowed.

#### **SHORT: Limit gatherings to no more than 2 hours**

The longer people gather together, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading. Gathering for longer than 2 hours is not allowed under the state's [health order](#) and [Marin's Risk Reduction order](#).

### **STABLE: Do not participate in multiple gatherings with many different households**

The more people come into contact with others outside their household, the higher the risk of spreading COVID-19. Participating in multiple gatherings with different households is strongly discouraged. If you attend several gatherings over the holidays, keep it to the same group of people.

Thank you for being diligent and following this guidance over the Holidays. By following this guidance together, we will keep our families and friends safe throughout the upcoming holiday season.

### **Upcoming COVID-19 Testing opportunity after Thanksgiving**

We are happy to announce that we have tentatively scheduled COVID-19 testing for December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> to be held at a different school site each day from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Once we have received confirmation of these dates and times, we will send further information so that staff and families can sign up for testing.

### **Instagram Threat Against YEMA**

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Principal Lynch and I sent a message to families to inform them of an Instagram post that had made a threat against YEMA, a local business. This matter was being investigated since it had been connected with a student. We have verified that the account expressing the threat was not created by or involved the student who was represented on the post. The school takes these events very seriously.

RUSD is committed to our focus on [equity and inclusion](#) by implementing programs and lessons that support the [Mission for the RUSD Student](#) and that teach inclusion and equity for all people. The post that was created is not consistent with the values and education that we provide to our students. Our hope is that students conduct themselves outside of school in the same manner that is expected of them at school, and in partnership with our families, these values are also reinforced at home.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***When must I keep my child home from school?***

The new [Tier 3 Decision Tree](#) was released by Marin Public Health for schools on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please use this “Test or 10” guide to understand when your child must stay home from school due to illness.

#### ***How will my child continue to learn when they must stay home from school?***

The [Learning Support Plan](#) outlines the support students will receive when they must stay home from school due to the “Test or 10” guidelines during Phase 3 when full cohorts at elementary and ¾ cohorts at Del Mar return to school.

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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