



Important Notice About Reed School Events

Dear Reed Parents and Guardians,

In the new advisory provided to school districts from the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services (HSS), Dr. Willis posted new guidelines for non-essential, **indoor** events (see press release [here](#)).

The new guidelines state that “out of an abundance of caution, the [Marin County Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) is recommending the cancellation or postponement of nonessential **indoor** gatherings of more than 100 people to prevent the spread of **COVID-19**.” This restriction is in place for two weeks and will be re-evaluated as new information becomes available. At last night’s Community Meeting on COVID-19 hosted by the Marin County Office of Education, Dr. Willis stated that this restriction may be extended for several months.

Therefore, we regret to inform you that indoor events which would host more than 100 people will be postponed or cancelled. This restriction applies to any student assemblies that have been scheduled where the students would gather in the multipurpose room. This does not include lunch recess, which is held outside, since the risk of transmission of the virus is low in outdoor environments (see the press release link above).

Following these guidelines, we are taking the following steps:

-Reed First Grade Music Performance will take place outdoors (weather permitting) on the blacktop. The date and time remain the same: Wednesday, March 18 at 8:40 am.

-Reed School Book Fair will be anceled. We understand that students and families may be disappointed. We truly appreciate the time and effort on behalf of parent volunteers and staff thus far.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we continually assess the situation and follow specific guidance from local health officials.

Please remember the best way to reduce the risk of becoming infected with a respiratory virus, whether the flu or COVID-19, is to practice good hygiene:

- Wash your hands *frequently* with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or crook of your elbow (not your hands). If you use a tissue, throw it away and wash your hands afterward
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home from work or school if you are feeling sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Get your flu shot to protect against flu

Respectfully,

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