



## GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Glendale Unified Students, Staff, Families, and Community:

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we navigate the unique and evolving situation COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). Our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff. We take this responsibility very seriously and continuously work with local public health agencies to obtain the most up-to-date information for our community. As of today, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Glendale.

We are in regular communication with the LA County Department of Public Health, LA County Department of Education, City of Glendale, and our local hospitals to share information and prepare for a possible community spread of COVID-19 in our area. We have invited our local emergency response teams and hospitals to attend tonight's Glendale Unified Board of Education meeting and share information with our community. This presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and can be viewed on the [Glendale Unified website](#). We will also share a video link with our community following the presentation.

Glendale Unified schools will be closed next week for spring break during which time our custodial staff will deep clean all school facilities and district staff will continue to refine our plans should the need for school closures arise. We will send regular communications to our community over spring break as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. Although we do not expect widespread school closures in our area, we are prepared to extend spring break for additional days, if necessary.

If you plan to travel over spring break, please check the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](#) for up-to-date travel advisories. As of today, the CDC has issued level 3 travel warnings (avoid non-essential travel) for China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. Travelers returning from these countries are being asked to "self-isolate" at home for 14 days upon returning to the United States. For the safety of our Glendale Unified community, we will follow this recommendation and require students who have traveled to a country with a level 3 travel warning to stay home for 14 days after returning to the United States before returning to school. Note that the list of countries may change in the coming weeks. For any students asked to stay home due to travel, parents may request an independent study agreement by calling the Glendale Unified department of Educational Services at (818) 241-3111 x1208.

We must work together to keep our community healthy and safe by practicing good hygiene, keeping up to date with current information, and combating the spread of false information. We will continue to update our [Glendale Unified website](#), as well as our district's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, with current information and resources. You can also visit the [CDC](#) or [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) websites for reliable information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Ekchian".

Vivian Ekchian, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools