COVID-19 UPDATE
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Today I announced my recommendation that all county public schools remain closed with students returning to school on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 to help contain the spread of COVID-19. This follows new state and county public health orders. Please read our news release here.

We at LACOE are focused on helping our 80 districts successfully navigate this unprecedented national health emergency. Our key goals: ensure student safety and well-being and the continuity of instruction.

Working together, we will surely triumph over this crisis. Stay safe.

'Safer at Home' Public Health Order

Gov. Gavin Newsom and LA County officials announced new public health guidelines March 19 ordering people to:

- stay home
- only leave home for essential items
- avoid gatherings of more than 10 people

See LA County order
See California order

- Download the Dept. of Public Health's poster "Safer at Home" here

Health & Safety

- Urgent need for school nurses to conduct health screenings at shelters and to serve on-site at quarantine and isolation centers. Contact Susan Chaides.

- LA County Health Services is in need of swabs for COVID-19 testing. DHS has reached out to schools, in particular school health clinics, for possible stock of swabs. The swabs needed are Nasopharyngeal (NP) and/or Oropharyngeal (OP) swabs. If you have school health clinics that stock these types of swabs, contact Susan Chaides.

- Schools providing child care must do so in groups of 12 or fewer children with the same adult(s) throughout the day. This child and adult group should be the same everyday. There is to be no mixing of groups.

Philanthropy

- LACOE has secured a $250,000 donation from the Ballmer Group to help support the needs of local school districts and families in the current national health emergency.

- Funds will be used for immediate district needs in areas that include distribution to needy students and families of food and resources such as diapers, formula and cleaning and medical supplies, as well as for online/distance learning and communications needs.
In response to the COVID-19 crisis, LACOE's philanthropic arm, the Greater LA Education Foundation, is coordinating resources to support the immediate and ever-changing needs of districts. Contributions to the COVID-19 Education Response Fund can be made at calfund.org/greaterla.

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**Nutrition/Meal Services**

- CDE's mobile app "CA Meals for Kids" has been updated to help students and families find meals during COVID-19-related emergency school closures.

Learn more

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**Foster Youth**

LACOE Foster Youth Services is:

- Communicating daily with the LA County Dept. of Children and Family Services regarding school closures and supports to our youth in foster care. DCFS has agreed to continue funding tutoring services during school closures. To practice social distancing, tutoring services are currently being provided online.
- Conducting outreach to district Foster Youth Liaisons throughout the county to offer support and guidance.
- Developing resources for students, caregivers, DCFS, LEAs and community partners. A resource document will be shared in the near future.
- Pursuing a philanthropic opportunity to secure laptops for students in foster care during this time of need.
- Offering a weekly webinar to local education agencies and group homes. This will be an opportunity to check in, share resources and assess needs.

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**Attendance Accounting**

- FAQs on the impact of the Governor's Executive Order and SB 117 on school funding and attendance now available from CDE. Click here.

- Current FAQs do not address the May 1, 2020 P-2 Attendance reporting deadline. CDE has received some inquiries about delaying the submission date and will be gathering information on the impacts of meeting the filing deadline.

- COVID-19 Closure Certification form is still under development and will be shared when available.

- To the extent an LEA has a material loss of attendance due to students with COVID-19 symptoms or quarantine prior to the end of February 29, 2020, email attendanceaccounting@cde.ca.gov for additional guidance.

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**Governance**

- New Executive Order EO N-29-20 supersedes previous order on the suspension of Brown Act requirements. School districts, community college districts and county offices of education should now look to Executive Order N-29-20 for guidance on the conduct of board meetings in this time of "social distancing."

- The new order authorizes a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and address the legislative body. All requirements of the Brown Act requiring the physical presence of board members or of the public as a condition of a quorum or public meeting are waived.
JET Mail Delivery

- Given the current health emergency and its impact on business operations, LACOE will be reducing JET mail deliveries effective Monday, March 23. [Read the bulletin](#).

Resources for Districts & Schools

- Special Considerations for Disabled Students Related to School Closures [click here](#)
- Resources for Head Start/Preschool Parents, Teachers and Children [click here](#)
- Capacity Building Digital Collections for Educators [click here](#)
- How to Use Zoom for Educators [click here](#)