



March 11, 2020

Dear Rio del Mar Families,

Our students' health and safety is paramount to us, our community and educational partners. This afternoon, we received notification that a person at Rio Del Mar Elementary has tested positive for COVID-19. The Santa Cruz County Public Health Department (SCZPH) confirmed that a person at Rio Del Mar Elementary has been placed on quarantine because of testing positive for COVID-19. They are recommending school dismissal for 14 days after the date of last exposure. The individual has not been on site since Friday, February 28, 2020. After careful consideration and in light of the new information, effective immediately, the District will dismiss Rio del Mar Elementary School until Monday, March 16, 2020.

Please know that to date, no other individual has tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, we ask Rio del Mar parents to make arrangements for their student(s) for Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13 as classes will be canceled and any student-related activities will also be canceled. During this time, the site will be deep cleaned to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. You will receive another notification if the school must remain closed after the noted date.

This complex decision involved close collaboration and coordination with our County Office of Education, the Board of Trustees, and the Santa Cruz County Public Health Department. We will continue to work closely with multiple community partners to coordinate and adjust planned events as needed.

We understand there are many concerns around COVID-19 and want to ensure families that we are working closely with the Santa Cruz County Public Health Department for updates and guidance. For the latest information on COVID-19, families are encouraged to visit our PVUSD website that has a dedicated COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) tab, and the CDC homepage. For questions regarding this closure, please contact our Public Information Officer, Alicia Jimenez at 831-786-2114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Rodriguez".

Michelle Rodriguez, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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