Update on COVID-19 Response in Schools

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COVID-19 Response Timeline
January and February

- **January:** Tracking world news and organizing teams
- **February:** Preparedness efforts
- **February 28:** Dr. Morrow attends monthly meeting of superintendents
COVID-19 March 2020 Timeline

- **March 9:**
  SMCOE Staff Embedded with EOC Meeting w/ Governor & State Superintendent

- **March 13:**
  In cooperation with Dr. Scott Morrow
  Dismissal of Students from On Campus Classes (Order)

- **March 16:** Shelter in Place Order
Health Department Notifications
Emergency Operations Center Role for SMCOE
March 7/8

Notifications in schools only involved Contact
Role of Schools: Slow the Spread

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water
- Avoid touching face
- Limit contact with others, especially large gatherings
- Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue

NUMBER OF INFECTIONS vs. TIME SINCE THE FIRST CASE
County Superintendent Communications

- Governor and State Superintendent
- 58 County Superintendents
- Six Bay Area Shelter-in-Place County Superintendents
- San Mateo County Health Department
- District Superintendents
- Private and Charter Schools
- San Mateo County EOC
- County Board and County School Boards Association
- SMCOE Staff
- San Mateo County Residents
Schools Are...

• Providing At-Home and Distance learning
• Serving school meals
• Providing childcare for essential workers in some locations
• Donating supplies for county needs
Phases of Emergency Management

**Preparedness**
- Emergency Response Plans
- Training and Exercises
- Community Outreach

**Response**
- Life Saving
- Incident Stabilization
- Property Preservation
- Evacuation & Mass Care

**Mitigation**
- Public Education
- Hazard Assessments
- Infrastructure Improvements

**Recovery**
- Economic Recovery
- Debris Management
- Housing
- Health/Social Services
Response Phase

• Clear communication
  • Cooperation
  • Simplicity
• Staying Present
  • Patience
School Leaders and “Right Now”

- Supporting all students with an equity-lens
- Supporting schools in delivering At-Home/Distance learning
- Keeping staff, students, families connected
- Prioritizing wellness
- Working with community partners to fill gaps
- Building resources and providing trainings
Next Steps

• Translate state and federal guidance
• Clarify graduation requirements, grading, and supporting special needs
• In collaboration with Health Officer, set criteria for schools to re-open schools and engage in long term planning