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Good Monday Morning PGUSD Families,

I hope that this message finds you well. I'd like to start by thanking you all for supporting our teachers and staff as we are finding our groove with distance learning. I am so grateful for the team's creativity and flexibility. Many families reached out to me, and other administrators this weekend, offering assistance wherever it might be needed. The generosity of PG is inspiring.

There are a few news items that went out over the weekend. Perhaps the most important was the Federal acknowledgement of California's declaration of emergency/disaster. This permits our state to access federal emergency funds where needed, which will be helpful for the citizens and public agencies throughout California.

Secondly, the Monterey Health Department released a new issuance aligning Monterey County with the Governor's directive. Our Shelter in Place is essentially the same as the Stay at Home Order. The Health Department did adjust the end date of the Shelter in Place from April 7th to 'no specific end date' as aligned with the Governor's directive. We will continue to advise as we get more info. I have cut and pasted the Health Office issuance below.

Many folks have asked about meal distribution during our Spring Break. Typically, we do not receive government funding for meals during breaks, and we have not traditionally distributed meals during that time. Clearly, these are not typical times. I want to assure you that we are also greatly concerned about serving families during this difficult time and are already working through this to see what we can do. Please be patient, and we will inform everyone in a timely fashion once we've come to a conclusion.

Finally, please know that all our staff are in tune with the effect that our shelter in place may be having with your families. All our teachers have this in mind as they are planning assignments. We hope everyone is keeping a gentle pace, and planning time throughout the day to take breaks from screen time, work and other pressures in order to regather a little peace of mind. Please let your teacher, principal or district office administrators know if you need further resources for your family to maintain that social-emotional balance.

FOOD SERVICE

PGUSD's Food & Nutrition Services Department is committed to maintaining social distancing and minimal contact with individuals while distributing meals. We ask our families to help ensure meals are distributed and received as safely as possible.

We are enforcing "walk-up" tables where we take your child's order and place the number of meals onto the table for you/your child to grab. If a family is ahead of you, please maintain 6-foot distance from the family, until it is your turn to come up to the table.

For "drive-thru" pick-ups, we are using trays to pass out the number of meals ordered to minimize handling and potential contact.

Below at the current sites for meal distribution, 11:30a - 12:15p, Monday through Friday during school closures:

- Pacific Grove High School: distribution in student parking lot off of Sunset Dr.
- Robert Down Elementary: distribution in front of Pine Ave. gate between the main building and kinder wing
- Corner of Arkwright/Moreland

PGUSD TECHNOLOGY

We will continue to check-out chromebooks to any family in need of a student device. If you have not already done so, please complete this brief home technology survey: <https://forms.gle/vfsRSHh45dZtteL97>

If you have already responded to this survey, are in need of a device, and have yet to check one out, please inform your student's teacher and they will convey that information to us. We will contact you to arrange a pick-up time.

To those of you who have indicated through our survey a need for at-home wifi connectivity, we are working diligently to secure wifi hotspots from our technology vendors. As you can imagine, school closures across the country have put an unprecedented strain on both the availability and distribution of wifi hardware. We expect to take delivery of a set of wifi hotspots within the next week or so. If your household is still in need of home connectivity, please consider obtaining wifi access through [Xfinity's new Free Wifi Program](#). We will provide updates to you about this as we learn more. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you or your child are experiencing technical difficulties at home during distance learning sessions, please inform your student's teacher(s) and they will elevate the matter to PGTech. We will respond as quickly as possible to resolve the issue.

Till this afternoon, stay well.

Ralph

Here are some other info items:

Monterey County Health Office Reissues Shelter in Place Order New resources available for those with questions, concerns Post Date:03/20/2020 4:00 PM

In light of the Governor's announcement of a state-wide Stay Home Order, Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Edward Moreno is reissuing his Shelter in Place Order that went into effect on Wednesday, March 18th. The only change being made to the order is to remove the end date of April 7th to align with the state's direction.

“Older adults are at greater risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. It is imperative that all county residents adhere to my County Health Officer Shelter in Place Order and the statewide Stay Home Order. You should stay at home unless you need to access essential

services or are a provider of essential services. In addition, all employers should identify solutions that allow employees to work from home,” states Dr. Edward Moreno, Monterey County Health Officer.

The Monterey County Health Officer Order is consistent with the statewide order and orders issued by other Bay Area local Health Officers.

There is no difference between a “Shelter in Place” and “Stay at Home” order. They are different titles for the same important action to safeguard everyone in our community.

Monterey County Health Officials continue to work with state leaders to further clarify the statewide order and provide guidance on interpreting it locally. Local Health Officers may be more restrictive than the statewide order based on their unique needs as well as number of cases impacting each community. Monterey County’s Order includes additional accommodations for essential agricultural services.

If you have questions about what you should do while the order is in place and what are the best ways to protect yourself and other from COVID-19, there are many options available for information:

- The Monterey County Health Department COVID-19 webpage is continuously updated with news, information and data: www.mtyhd.org/covid19
- Call our new information hotline at 831-755-4521. This is staffed Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm.
- Email your questions to COVID-19@co.monterey.ca.us.