



# TIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Tiger Pride!

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The Tulare County Health Department has reported that there is a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Tulare County, specifically in Porterville, California. To our knowledge, no Tipton students or staff members are being tested for the virus, and at this time, Tipton Elementary will remain open.

The most recent guidance from the State of California is that all non-essential gatherings should be canceled or postponed. Following this recommendation, and for the health and safety of our community, Tipton Elementary is canceling or postponing extracurricular/co-curricular events and activities that will include participation of 250 people or more. This includes events and activities that are scheduled for the period from Friday, March 13 through Thursday, April 30, at which time the District will reassess the situation. This includes but is not limited to events such as field trips, elementary track meets, open houses, visual and performing art events, and staff travel to conferences. The District wants to assure parents, staff, students and the community that this action is being taken as a preventative measure, based on an abundance of caution.

Should the need for additional action arise, Tipton Elementary will work together with the Tulare County Public Health Communicable Disease Department to assess and determine appropriate steps. We will share additional information as it becomes available.

Additional Resources will be available online.

Tulare County Public Health, COVID-19 Updates (Novel Coronavirus) <https://tchhsa.org/eng/index.cfm/public-health/covid-19-updates-novel-coronavirus/>

California Department of Public Health, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>

Sincerely,  
Stacey Bettencourt and Dr. Cherie Solian

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