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Please distribute to all schools and school districts in Ventura County.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ADVISORY

There has been concern that children who have been in China recently may present a risk of transmitting the 2019-nCoV (novel coronavirus) to other children. The following guidelines address the three most common situations that apply to this issue¹.

- Any student who has been in China's Hubei province (home of Wuhan, the epicenter of the virus) within the last 14 days will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine. It is likely that these children are already being quarantined on a military base near their point of entry into the United States.
- Any student returning from China (outside of Hubei Province) who is not ill should be quarantined in their home until February 5, 2020². The last time anyone would have been travelling from Wuhan would have been 14 days before that date.
- Any student returning from anywhere in China in the preceding 14 days who develops a fever and/or respiratory symptoms should be quarantined in their home until he or she has seen a physician and has been cleared by the Ventura County Health Department.

These recommendations are subject to change as more information is learned about 2019-nCoV.

Students of Chinese descent who have not travelled to China are at no greater risk of 2019-nCoV infection than any other student.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Communicable Diseases at 805 981-5201.

¹ Press Briefing by Members of the President's Coronavirus Task Force, Issued on: January 31, 2020.

² Phone conversation, February 3, 2020. Darcie Johnston, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services