

All Imperial County Public School Facilities Shall Remain Closed for the Remainder of the 2019-20 School Year

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Residents of Imperial County,

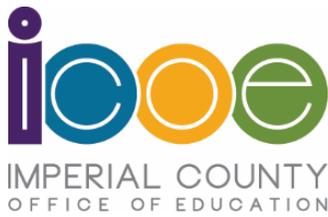
In alignment with recommendations from the Governor and State Superintendent of Schools, today we are announcing the extension of school facility closures through the remainder of the school year.

While this means our school facilities won't be physically open for students, **the school year is not over**. Educators across the county are working extremely hard to serve students and families and will continue to do so. Teams of administrators, teachers, counselors, and staff have been working around the clock to provide meals for students, plan and deliver distance learning, and support the many needs of students. These critical services will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. However, the need for safety through social distancing warrants that we keep our school campuses closed to students during this pandemic.

Yesterday, the Imperial County Health Officer issued an "Amended Stay at Home Order" which will remain in effect until further notice. We encourage this order be taken very seriously and are compelled as schools in Imperial County to do our part to support this effort. Our number one priority will continue to be the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. If our public health circumstances improve and it becomes safe to reopen our school facilities, we will revisit this decision. All of us want to return to school just as quickly as it is reasonably safe to do so.

For the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), visit the 2019 novel coronavirus website at <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>.

For local information, visit the Imperial County Public Health Department at <http://www.icphd.org>.



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