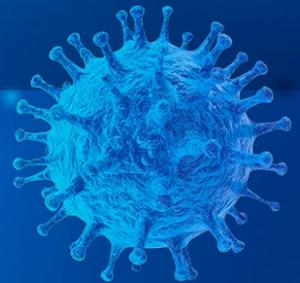


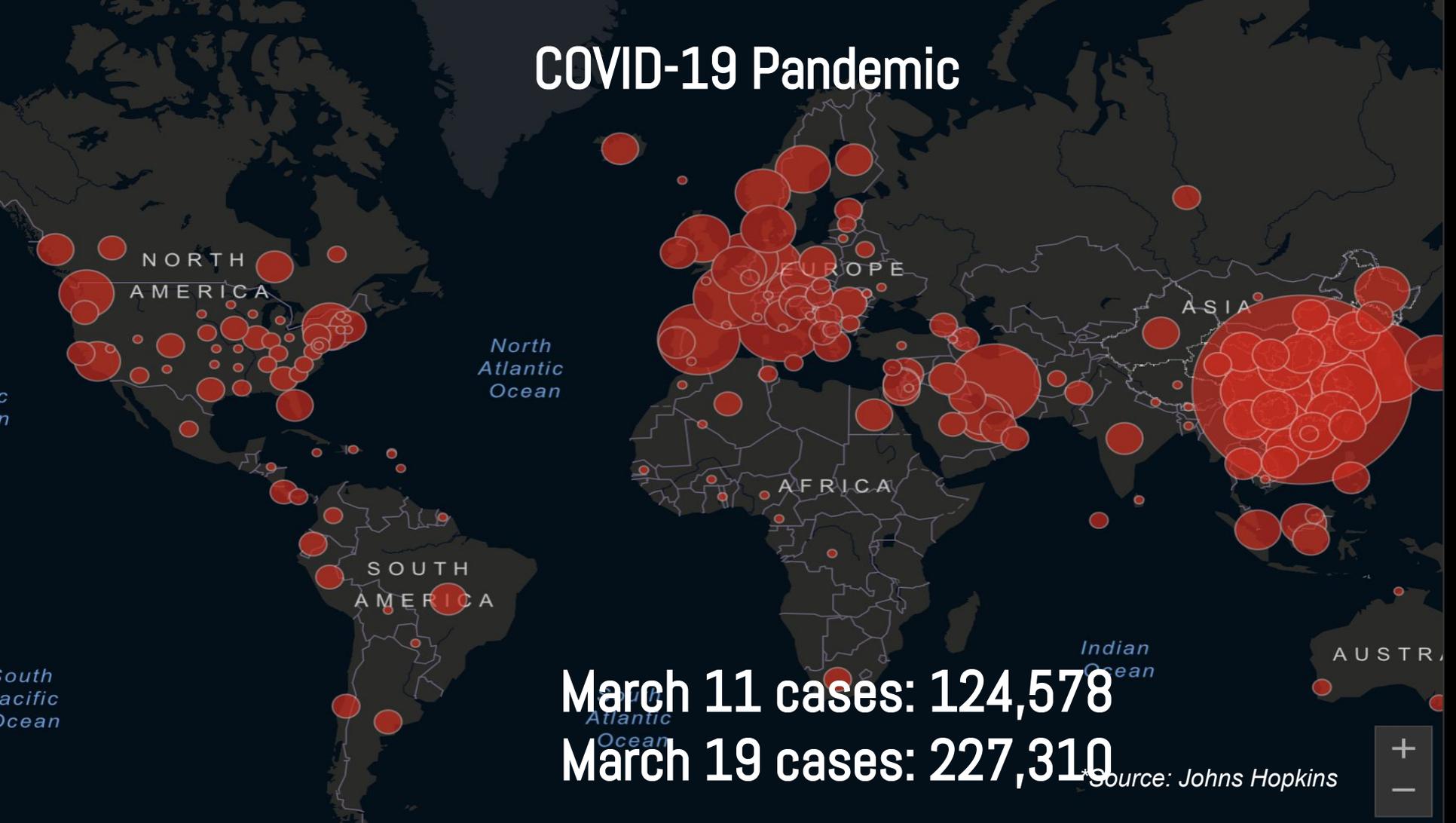
Berkeley Unified School District
March 19, 2020

Coronavirus Update to the Board of Education

Brent Stephens, Superintendent
Natasha Beery, Director of Community Relations



COVID-19 Pandemic

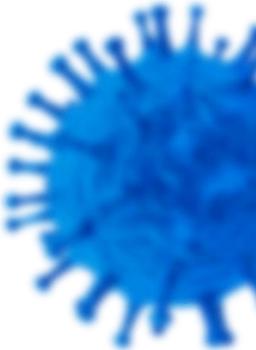


March 11 cases: 124,578

March 19 cases: 227,310

*Source: Johns Hopkins





Confirmed Cases
March 11 > 19, 2020

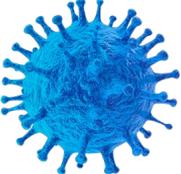


2 > 3 Berkeley Cases
[confirmed by testing, overseen by Berkeley]

3 > 31 Alameda County Cases
398 in the Bay Area

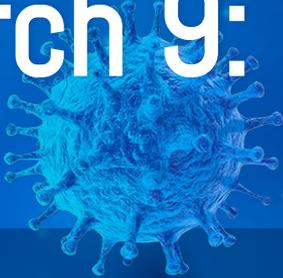


157 > 874 California Cases
4 > 16 deaths

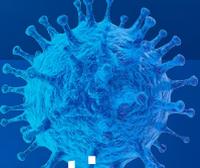


938 > 9300 US Cases
30 > 150 deaths

February 28 - March 9:



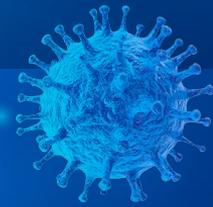
PREPARATIONS FOR COVID-19

- Developed and Adapted Pandemic Plans and Resources
 - Consulted Federal, State & County Public Health and Education
 - Communicated with Families, Staff and Leadership
 - Hygiene Measures: School Cleaning, Handwashing
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Tuesday March 10 & Weds March 11



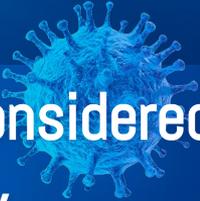
SOCIAL DISTANCING

- March 10: Canceled large group events
 - March 10: Planned for possible (brief) school closures
 - March 11: WHO declares COVID-19 Pandemic
 - March 11: Update to Board with City of Berkeley partners
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Thursday March 12



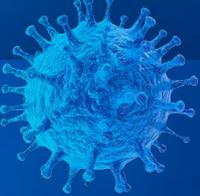
DECISION TO CLOSE

- 3:00 pm ACOE Conference Call; SFUSD Closure, others considered
 - 5:30 New Cases of Community Spread in Alameda County
 - 7:30 Decision to Close Schools
 - 8:00 Messaging to Community > robocalls, email, web, twitter
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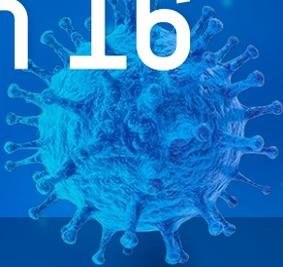
Friday, March 13



HIGH SCHOOLS CLOSED

- Take-Away Meals provided at BTA/BIS and BHS
 - Staff works to begin District-Wide School Closure
 - BHS and BTA Student Survey about technology needs
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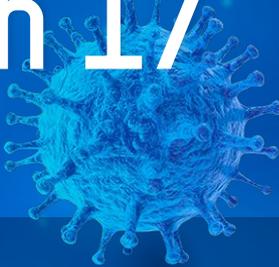
Monday, March 16



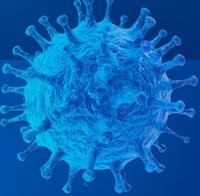
BAY AREA SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

- All schools closed; BUSD's free meal service begins
 - Most staff released after 2:00 pm to go home and prepare
 - Leadership & essential staff continued to work through day
 - Online learning resources available on [berkeleyschools.net](https://www.berkeleyschools.net)
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Tuesday, March 17



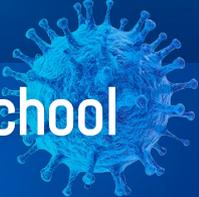
CDE Guidance and New Legislation

- State guarantees funding and waives state testing
 - SB117 provides additional funding for coronavirus prevention
 - Newsom: School Closures may extend for months
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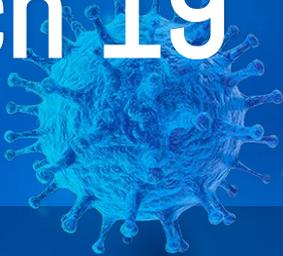
Wednesday, March 18



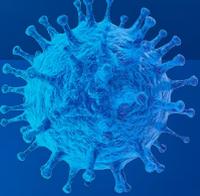
Clarification and Long Term Planning

- State Superintendent offers additional guidance on school closures, including distance learning examples
 - District teams continue to meet remotely to build distance learning resources
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Thursday, March 19



Long Term Planning

- Joint BFT-BUSD Teacher Survey
 - Chromebook distribution begins at BHS, BTA, and BIS
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Today's Questions

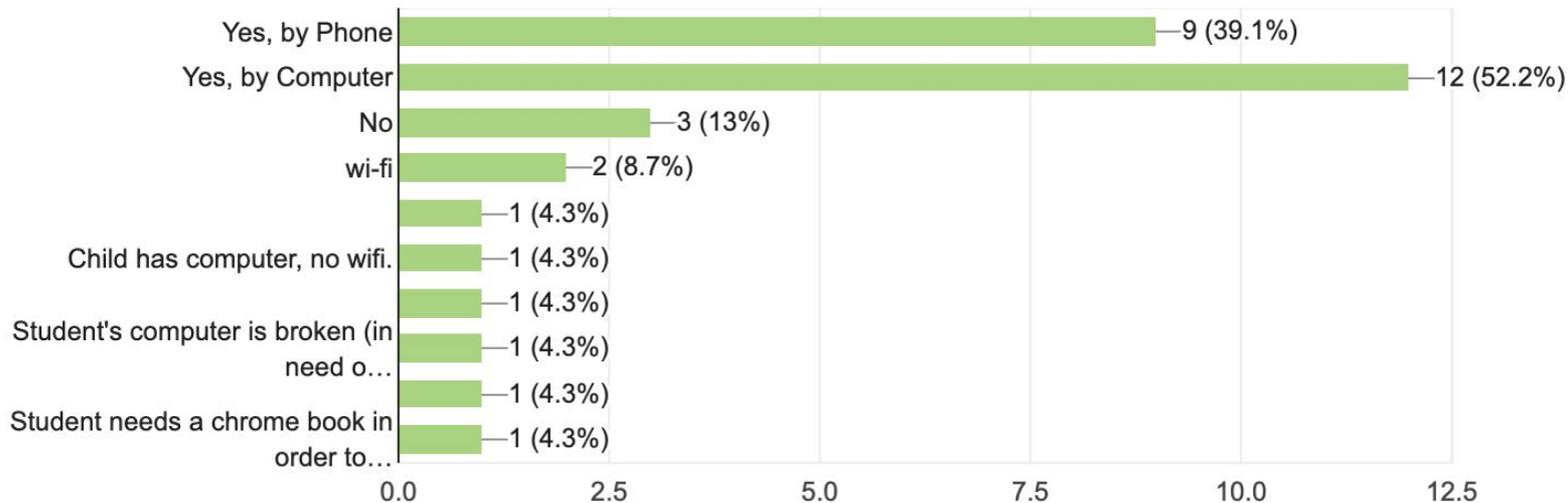
- **First Level Support for Staff and Families**

- Access to Learning Resources (internet, chromebooks)
 - Survey of all secondary students who need a computer
 - So far, 200 Free and Reduced Price Lunch high school students have requested a computer, as well as 175 additional students
 - Today, we piloted our distribution to 75 families, and will expand this work tomorrow
 - We will survey elementary families next week, with a far larger distribution to follow

BUSD Wellness Checks - Early Results

Berkeley Unified is putting some Learning Resources online for students. Does your child have access to internet? [if no, provide info about internet access, and about chromebooks. if yes, tell them about going to berkeleyschools.net and see "Learning Resources" on the front page]

23 responses



Today's Questions

- **Food Distribution**

Wednesday, March 18

King: 52 breakfast and 52 Lunch

LF: 92 Breakfast 112 Lunch

WD: 87 Breakfast and 87 Lunch

BHS: 17 Breakfast and 17 Lunch

RP: 97 Breakfast and 97 Lunch

BAM: 38 Breakfast and 38 Lunch

**Total: 383 Breakfast
403 Lunch**

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: First Steps**

- BUSD published a list of free available online educational resources on Monday, March 16; these are available on the homepage of berkeleyschools.net
- Education Services has met daily since the closure to develop options for BUSD distance learning, to identify online professional development resources, and
- BUSD and BFT are working closely to understand CDE guidance and plan to support teachers with this transition

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: Taking Stock**

- Today, BFT and BUSD sent a survey to all our teachers to understand patterns related to
 - Teachers' new caregiving obligations
 - Teachers' access to technology and curriculum resources
 - Teachers' technology skills and needs
 - Ideas about best practices in distance learning

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: CDE Guidance**

- We are studying this week's guidance from the CDE about distance learning exemplars, and note a range of approaches
 - Online resources with static district-wide suggestions to parents and students and a hotline (Miami-Dade)
 - Commercial resource (PBS) with companion lesson plans (LAUSD)
 - Modified class schedules with live streamed instruction for 1-2 hours per day (Westlake Charter School)

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: CDE Guidance**

- CDE has also published an extensive list of free online resources for students, families, teachers, and districts.
- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/appendix1.asp#six>

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: Special Education**

- There are currently no exceptions for Special Education law; as all districts design distance learning plans, they are expected to comply with students' Individualized Education Plans
- Minimally, this will require
 - Collaboration between general education and Special Education teachers
 - Creative use of Instructional Assistants
 - Ongoing Related Service provision, in keeping with mandates from health agencies

Today's Questions

- **Distance Learning: Special Education**

- Maintenance of IEP timelines if possible, with virtual meetings for participants
- Resolution of issues related to in-person student assessment
- Coordination with all NPA, NPS, and RTC service providers

Next Steps

- Analyze teachers' personal and professional needs
- Continue technology survey and distribution, with elementary distribution likely beginning after Spring Break
- Assemble online professional development resources
- Identify possible models for BUSD distance learning
- Encourage teachers to make contact with families, offer learning suggestions, experiment with technology, and volunteer their skills
- Network with other districts to replicate best practice
- Continue vetting content and delivery software

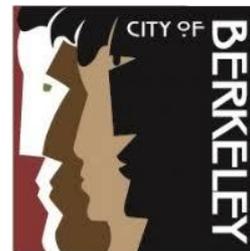
Gratitude

We are extremely grateful to the Berkeley community for their strong support of our schools, and their solidarity in the moment of global crisis.

BUSD is committed to supporting our students through distance learning for as long as this school closure lasts.

Please look out for ongoing communication from your school and the district.

Planning and Information Sources



Communications

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

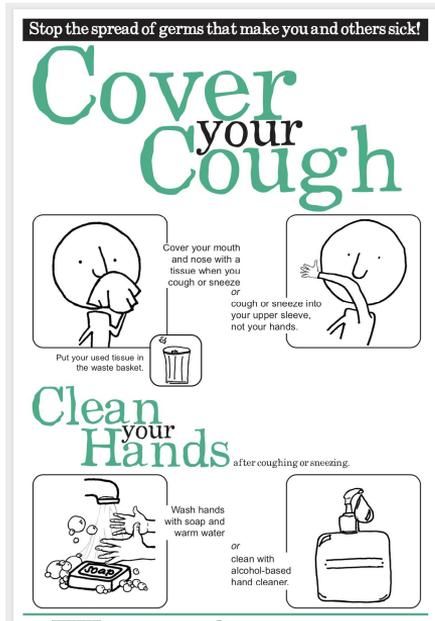
Large BUSD Events Cancelled - Schools Remain Open

March 10, 2020

March 10, 2020 Dear Berkeley Community, This afternoon we received new guidance from City of Berkeley Health Officer Dr. Lisa Hernandez, in keeping with guidance that was also issued by Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD). According to the City of Berkeley: At this time, we recommend postponing or canceling non-essential mass gatherings and large [...]

Coronavirus Update: March 6/ Información reciente acerca del Coronavirus: 6 marzo

March 7, 2020



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BUSD cancels large events based on guidance from City of Berkeley Health Officer. All schools remain open: bit.ly/2TTnybT



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Información reciente acerca del Coronavirus: 6 marzo bit.ly/2TvjjUN



It's a word you might have heard at school or online or on T.V.



This coronavirus is a newly discovered virus. It causes a disease called COVID-19.

Social Distancing

Non-Essential Large Gatherings Canceled through March 31:

- **Assemblies**, both indoor and outdoor
- **Field Trips**, both one-day and overnight
- School or District affiliated **Student Travel**
- **Performances and Concerts**
- **Evening Gatherings** at schools (inc. open houses, and fundraisers)
- **Athletic Events** that require travel or hosting outside community
- **Staff Events**, professional development, and business-related travel

Essential Activities Continue:

- **Classroom education**, including lunch, PE, recess, and after-school
- **District offices and facilities** remain open
- **On campus** athletics practices and performing arts rehearsals
- March 14 **SAT test**
- **District and School-Based Meetings** (Staff, SSC, PTA, Board, Committees)

Some Meetings May Eventually be Held Online:

- Brown/Greene Act meetings require **advance notice and public access**