

Dear CCCOE Colleagues,

We are now nearly one month into our county's stay-at-home order, and I couldn't even begin to summarize all that has happened over the past 20+ days. I again want to thank everyone for your flexibility, perseverance patience. I know that those of you who are teachers are working hard to implement distance learning, and those of you who are parents are trying to implement their child's distance learning plan. And some of you are doing both at the same time? I commend you all. It is very hard work. One of the best resources I saw this week was Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris our California Surgeon General's Playbook: Stress Relief for Caregivers and Kids during Covid-19. Take a look. There are some really good reminders and tips in her document. [https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/caregivers\\_and\\_kids\\_california\\_surgeon\\_general\\_stress\\_busting\\_playbook\\_draft\\_v2\\_clean\\_ada\\_04072020v2.pdf](https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/caregivers_and_kids_california_surgeon_general_stress_busting_playbook_draft_v2_clean_ada_04072020v2.pdf)

I am excited to say that distance learning plans are well underway at our sites. Technology and other staff are hard at work distributing chrome books and hotspots to all staff and students who need them. Everyone is participating in a variety of trainings related to the use of Teams, curriculum content, use of Google Classroom, how to track student contacts, etc. Parents and students have been contacted by their teachers or administrators to determine their technology needs, provide information about meal distribution and give general information about distance learning plans. Some of those plans are currently being piloted and full implementation is expected to occur in the next week or so. A lot of progress has been made.

Just FYI, this Monday, when several of us arrived at the Stewart Building, we were greeted with a flood in the lobby. As the weekend's heavy rains leaked into our building it caused significant damage to the lobby areas of each of our three floors. We have contracted with a local restoration company that is currently doing some of the repair work. The good news is that insurance will cover the repairs and that our lobby areas will have a new look in the coming days/weeks.

We are working closely with other partners in our county to get childcare up and running for essential workers. I want to thank those of you who have graciously volunteered to step up and help in these efforts. We will be in touch with you once we have more details to share. If you are interested in volunteering your time to work a daily 4 ½ hour shift, please contact Michelle Kiernan at [mkiernan@cccoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:mkiernan@cccoe.k12.ca.us). We will need help with things like direct childcare assistance, administration, facility and food and supply distribution. We are working closely with our partners to ensure that all necessary safety precautions are taken.

I was in a forum today with Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, one of our County Deputy Health Officers, who we have been working closely with. A community member asked him what she could do to help during this time. He said the best thing we can do right now is to love each other. Check on your neighbors (at a distance) be kind to each other, be patient. And of course practice all the precautions: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/prevention>

With love and respect.

Lynn

PS. Don't forget that CCCOE is very active on social media and is regularly updating information and resources on our website related to the COVID-19 outbreak, including:

[School closure and meal information](#)

[Links to Contra Costa Health Services, CDC and other information related to the stay-at-home order](#)

[Learning Resources for students, parents and educators](#)

[Wellness resources](#)

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