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Michelle Townsend, Superintendent/Principal

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Dear RKUSD Families,

School continues to be open and function as normal for staff and students. Raymond-Knowles Union Elementary School District, the Madera County Superintendent of Schools, and the Madera County Public Health Department continue to work together in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Raymond-Knowles Elementary. However, there is one confirmed case in Madera County which is an isolated case where the person contracted the contagion from being on the Princess Cruise. Upon returning to Madera County the person has remained in isolation in their home.

While the Madera County Public Health Department acknowledges that the "situation is rapidly evolving," officials still believe the risk to the general public remains low. The Madera County Public Health Department has issued updated recommendations that are meant to keep our community at a low risk for COVID-19. Raymond-Knowles Elementary is implementing recommended actions in accordance with the Madera County Public Health Department recommendations. These recommended actions were determined utilizing recently released guidance from the State Public Department of Public Health and all currently available information. Our highest priority is the health and well-being of our students, families, and staff. You are all essential to our preparation ultimately being effective in keeping our community at low risk for COVID-19. We need your full cooperation:

- Read all communications carefully
- Go to <https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-health> for more information on COVID-19
- Refrain from passing along rumors or anxieties as the general public often assumes school staff have access to better information than the general public

During this trying time, facts, science, planning, and calm professionalism are keys to successful outcomes. Thank you for putting the health and well-being of our community first. Thank you for your support of Raymond-Knowles Elementary, the Madera County Superintendent of Schools, and the Madera County Public Health Department.

Sincerely,

Michelle Townsend
Superintendent/Principal
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