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March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

This is from the Governor's press conference today. The biggest items are in bold below and were covered in the email from the PED this morning:

- **Schools won't be making these days up at the end of the year.**
- **Schools will continue to pay their staff during the closure so there is no pay gap. This includes hourly employees, as the Secretary stated they didn't want interruptions.**
- **Schools with 1:1 devices should provide online learning opportunities during the closure if they are able, but there are no requirements.**
- **Sports calendars will be adjusted to conclude the season.**

Governor's Press Conference Notes:

- 10 positive cases
- Household contacts are largely how the additional cases. They conduct a contact overview with those that are testing positive to see who they might have impacted and where. If they went to a public space, they notify the business owner, church or school to let them know someone that tested positive has been in contact and that they should self-isolate.
- There has not been a shortage of testing. The state is working with Tri-Core to maximize testing capacity.

Why we're making the public health emergency decisions:

- Self-quarantine and self-isolation is meant to decrease the pressure on our health systems.
- The Governor assured that the state is leveraging experts to make these decisions and that the decisions that are have a great impact on the everyday lives of New Mexicans.
- **If you have questions regarding your health, call 1-855-600-3453. For questions about concerns other than health, call 1-833-551-0518.**

Update on closing k-12 public schools for 3 weeks:

- Most schools have spring break during this window, so, for most, it will be 2 weeks of missed classes.
- Extending meal programs across the state for grab and go meal programs. **Starting March 23rd students can get lunch at Guadalupe Montessori from 11:00-12:30. Another text or email will be sent out to clarify this later.**

What should we do:

- Minimize contact.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds.
- Take action independently and stay calm.

I will continue to keep you informed as I receive new information.

Stay Healthy,
Wayne