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As you have seen/heard by now, the Governor has ordered a 'stay at home' order. Per the Governor, in summary, essential state and local government functions will remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

By utilizing the Federal Homeland Security guidelines, schools are included on the list of "critical federal infrastructure sectors." As a result, the Governor's executive order issued March 13 relating to guidelines for COVID-19 public school closures remains in effect and exempt from the stay-at-home order. Governor Newsom's order and guidance documents set forth expectations for providing school meals, offering distance learning, student supervision, and continuing to pay employees.

Given that food service is deemed an essential function, the OMSD feeding program will continue. Provided that our staffing remains in place, our plans on administering breakfast and lunch meals on Friday, March 20, 2020 at all 32 sites (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM), will continue. This includes our Spring Break meals at 7 locations (*Edison ES, Euclid ES, Lincoln ES, Montera ES, Moreno ES, Mariposa ES, and Sultana ES*) from March 23-March 25, (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM). As long as we can continue to staff our school sites, we also anticipate breakfast and lunch meals will resume at all 32 sites (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM) beginning Monday, March 30, 2020.

As has been the expectation, if any employee does not need to be on campus and/or not feeling well for any reason, we are asking them to stay home. Any staff member providing essential work for our District who does not feel comfortable coming to work, will be allowed to stay home and will not be penalized.

I will continue to keep you apprised as new information becomes available.

Thank you.

-Dr. James Q. Hammond