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Dear Club Families,

The Boys & Girls Club is working closely with the CDC, El Dorado County Health Department, El Dorado County Office of Education and local school officials, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). At this time there are no known cases in El Dorado County and the risk to the general public in El Dorado County remains low. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide families with updates as they become available. We want you to know the health and safety of our Club families and the community is our top priority. Please contact the Club at 530.295.8019 or bgcinfo@bgce.org with any questions or concerns.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?
• Continuing disease prevention practices that are already in place at Clubs; frequent handwashing, regularly sanitizing surfaces, reminding staff and members to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing, and directing staff and members to stay home when sick.
• Any child or staff member who recently traveled abroad will be referred to the Centers for Disease Control for the most current information regarding quarantine instructions.
• If Club closures become necessary, the decision will be made in collaboration with El Dorado County Health Department, local school districts, and partnering organizations.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
• Stay home when you are sick.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
• Follow CDC’s recommendations for using a facemask. CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

At this time, there is no evidence that children are more susceptible. Children should engage in usual preventive actions to avoid infection, including cleaning hands often using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, avoiding people who are sick, and staying up to date on vaccinations, including influenza vaccine.

For additional information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the El Dorado County Health Department websites.