



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
PACIFIC EAST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
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Dear DoDEA Pacific District East Parents and Staff,

After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, DoDEA Pacific East District Leadership has made the difficult decision to postpone events that involve student travel. These additional COVID-19 precautionary measures are in response to the growing concern across the Pacific Region and to ensure the continued safety of all students and staff members.

The immediate risk to our school population continues to be low at this time, and there are no reported cases of COVID-19 within DoDEA; however, the risk to individuals is dependent on exposure. While participation in extracurricular events and experiential learning through study trips are among the highlights of the school experience for many of our students, traveling to these events may present an additional risk due to the number of people in close contact.

Effective immediately, all student travel by bus, air, and rail will be postponed through the end of March. This includes, but is not limited to, extracurricular trips, curricular trips, and cultural exchanges with Host Nation schools.

This is an evolving situation, and the well-being of our students and families is our top priority. We will continue to coordinate closely with U.S. Forces Japan to monitor the status and assess the safety of student travel.

The following resources have been compiled to better inform employees, parents, and students about Coronavirus. They can be found on the DoDEA website:

<https://www.dodea.edu/Coronavirus.cfm>

We will continue to promptly communicate updates to the situation as they arise.


FOR Judith J. Allen, Ed.D
Superintendent