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ICA Cristo Rey to close for two weeks to protect students and staff from low risk of exposure to the coronavirus

School decision made in consultation with the San Francisco Department of Public Health

ICA Cristo Rey, a private all-girls Roman Catholic high school in San Francisco's Mission district, informed school staff and parents this weekend that the school would close for 14 days to protect students and staff from low risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

The school closed for one day on Friday March 6, upon learning that a staff member was exposed to coronavirus. Testing subsequently confirmed that the staff member has confirmed COVID-19, prompting the school to remain closed for a full 14-day period, after consulting with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH). Because this staff member did **NOT** have direct, prolonged contact with either students or staff members, they are considered at low risk of exposure.

The school will reopen on Friday March 20.

ICA Cristo Rey has hired a company to conduct a deep, thorough cleaning of the buildings during the closure. The CDC guidelines state that regular cleaning products are effective against the coronavirus. Early in the week, the principal will send home information about how the school will continue instruction online.

Staff and students have been notified to monitor themselves for symptoms, and if they occur, to self-isolate at home and contact their health care provider, who will consult with the Health Department.

The decision is taken in an abundance of caution, and is consistent with [California Department of Public Health guidelines](#).

On Friday March 6 Mayor London Breed announced [DPH recommendations](#) for aggressive action to slow the spread of the virus in the community. The recommendations included schools:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a school, DPH will work with the school and the district to determine the best measures including potential school closure.
- Do not go to school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult your doctor about school attendance.
- Equip all schools and classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling medium to large events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.



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- Schools should develop a plan for county-wide school closures, and families should prepare for potential closures.