



March 27, 2020

Dear Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools' Community,

We are writing to inform you that a Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools ("YPICS") staff member recently tested positive for the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") after experiencing symptoms that are consistent with the virus.

At this time, there is no conclusive information regarding where and when this individual's exposure to COVID-19 occurred. The staff member primarily works in the School's learning and support center and does not have prolonged contact with students. Prior to testing positive for COVID-19, the staff member briefly appeared at Bert Corona Charter School on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and at Bert Corona Charter High School on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Each of these appearances were short and the staff member did not interact with students, nor teachers during this time. YPICS closed all school campuses prior to being informed of this staff member's diagnosis, and the schools will remain closed until May 1, 2020, during this time YPICS will conduct a thorough sanitation of its facilities.

In the meantime, and consistent with continued guidance we have received from local, state, and federal health officials, we urge all community members to take appropriate precautions to preserve their health and safeguard the health of others, including those found [here](#). Please be assured that we have also reported this information to LAUSD and local health authorities. It is our social responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our school community from inadvertent exposure.

We are not releasing the staff member's identity due to our legal obligation to protect employee privacy rights. We appreciate your understanding of this and ask that you please refrain from participating in circulating rumors and conjecture as doing so may add to the difficulty of the community's ability to cope with this unprecedented situation.

If anyone in our community is exhibiting symptoms, please let us know ASAP by calling or emailing [ykingberg@ypics.org](mailto:ykingberg@ypics.org).

Thank you again for your continued support of YPICS as we work together to address this evolving situation.

Sincerely,

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