



March 17, 2020

Dear ECHS Parents and Families,

Thank you for your flexibility and patience during this rapidly-changing time. We are doing everything possible to move the school to an online learning environment as quickly and effectively as possible, and the ECHS leadership team is trying to ensure that as many services as possible are provided to students and families over the coming weeks. Below you will find information regarding plans and expectations during this dismissal time. If you are receiving this letter by mail, PLEASE CALL ECHS AND PROVIDE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you need help setting up an email account,



Please see instructions by scanning this QR code with your phone:

General Operations- Limited parts of the ECHS campus will be open tomorrow, March 18th, specifically for food and technology distribution. If there is an essential item you need from campus, please plan to come in tomorrow between 8:00am and 12:00pm because **starting Thursday, March 19th, ECHS will be completely closed to employees and the public. All employees will continue working remotely during the dismissal, and staff will not be available on campus after Wednesday.**

Communications- Calls to the ECHS main office line will be forwarded to office staff, and they will be able to forward calls and messages to teachers or other staff members as always. To contact the main office, please call (310)214-3400. If you need to contact any specific staff members, you can also go to the [ECHS website](#) to find direct email links within each staff member's bio.

School Meal Pick Up- Tomorrow, Wednesday, 3/18, meals, including breakfast and lunch, will be available for pick up on the ECHS campus starting at 8:00am until noon or until the food runs out. Students and families will be able to pick up four days worth of meals at a time. You can find more information about food distribution at [Los Angeles Food Bank Pantry Locator](#) (www.foodbank.org/find-food). We will try to continue distributing food for as long as possible; please check the ECHS website for more information regarding meals distribution.

Technology Access- Last week on Friday we conducted a survey asking students if they needed a chromebook laptop or internet hotspot. Most students picked up their chromebooks, but internet hotspots were delivered to campus today and will be available for pick up tomorrow, 3/18. If your student was absent on Friday or did not pick up these items, please pick them up at ECHS tomorrow, 3/18, between 8:00am and 12:00pm. Site staff will be available to check out both items. **Hot spot priority will be given to students who signed up on Friday.**

Counselor Access- Grade-level counselors sent emails with contact information to ECHS student email accounts earlier this week. Counselors are checking emails frequently, so please don't hesitate to reach out.



Environmental Charter
High School

9th and 10th grade	Alex Lopez	alejandro_lopez@ecsonline.org (424) 236-3711
11 th and 12 th grade	Lacey Harris	lacey_harris@ecsonline.org (657) 549-2807
504 Coordinator/ Marriage and Family Therapist	Carrie Keil	carrie_keil@ecsonline.org (424) 237-8718

Below are some reasons for you or your student to check in with your grade-level counselor this week:

- Your student is feeling concerned about his/her mental health
- Your student is feeling overwhelmed, scared, or worried and would like to talk to someone
- Your student does not have access to internet or a laptop
- Your student does not have access to consistent meals or shelter
- You or your student is confused about academic expectations

Special Education - Families of students with an IEP will be contacted separately with more specific guidance on next steps and expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact ECHS' SPED Coordinator, Elizabeth Morales-Hodge at elizabeth_hodge@ecsonline.org

Classroom Information –All instruction will take place online. Teachers will be communicating with students primarily through Google Classroom and/or class websites and will be utilizing a variety of instructional technologies to support student learning. Please check that your student is able to access all of their classes online. If you or your student are unable to access a class, email the teacher of the course directly. All staff emails can be found on the [ECHS website](#).

Learning Continuity & Student Expectations- During this time at home, we encourage you and your students to create a schedule for the day. Each week, each of your student's teachers will be posting two short videos along with 20-30 minutes of work to go along with each lesson. Some classes will be hosted on live platforms but will be recorded, so all students in the class can access the recorded lesson at any time.

Grades- Teachers will continue to post at least one grade per week into their PowerSchool gradebooks, and you will have access to your student's progress reports as usual. If you need login information for your PowerSchool account, please call the ECHS main office, and Carola or Miguel will provide you with your login information.

Time Management- The College Prep Department will be supporting students by providing templates for them to organize their daily schedules. Please check in with your child to support them in creating their academic schedule. We are mindful of the overall screen time demand that this might cause on students and we will work to create a balance.



While we know schedules will look different for everyone, we are going to continue to hold our students to the following expectations:

- Checking school email daily
- Engaging in learning activities
- Completing assignments for all their classes via google classrooms and/or websites
- Checking powerschool weekly for grade updates
- Reaching out to teachers, counselors, and staff as needed
- Attending office hours with teachers as needed

Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
Art Dept	10:00-10:30pm	Math Dept	12:30-1:00pm	Science	12:30-1:00pm
History Dept	10:00-10:30pm	GA Dept	12:30-1:00pm		
Spanish Dept	12:30-1:00pm	College Prep Dept	3:00-3:30pm		
English Dept	3:00-3:30pm				

Extracurricular Activities - All extracurricular activities, including sports, have been cancelled until further notice with the exception of programs and internships that will take place online such as Green Ambassadors Internship (GAI).

School Events- At this time all school events will also be cancelled until further notice.

Stay Informed and Be Calm. Here are a few resources for you to help guide conversations with your child about COVID-19.

- [Talking to Your Child About the Coronavirus/ Cómo hablar con los niños sobre el coronavirus](https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/)
 - <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>
- [Talking With Children: Tips for Caregivers, Parents, and Teachers During Infectious Disease Outbreaks / Consejos Para Los Cuidadores, Padres, Y Maestros Durante Un Brote de Una Enfermedad Contagiosa](https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/pep20-01-01-006_508_0.pdf)
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Social Distancing - By now we've all heard about the importance of hand-washing and social distancing. We want to help reinforce this by clearly stating that social distancing means not going to friends' houses, not hanging out at the park, and not meeting at the corner coffee shop. As a



community, we are taking this seriously and want to do our part in keeping one another safe.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What You Need To Know About COVID-19

What does it mean and why is it important? Social Distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social Distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.



AVOID

- GROUP GATHERINGS
- SLEEP OVERS
- PLAY DATES
- CONCERTS
- THEATRE OUTINGS
- ATHLETIC EVENTS
- CROWDED RETAIL STORES
- MALLS
- NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL
- BARS & RESTAURANTS



USE CAUTION

- VISITING A GROCERY STORE
- PICK UP & DELIVERY OF FOOD
- PICKING UP MEDICATIONS
- PLAYING TENNIS IN A PARK
- ESSENTIAL TRAVEL
- VISITORS IN YOUR HOME
- MASS TRANSIT



SAFE TO DO

- TAKE A WALK
- GO FOR A HIKE
- YARD WORK
- PLAY IN YOUR YARD
- CLEAN OUT CLOSET
- READ A GOOD BOOK
- LISTEN TO MUSIC
- COOK A MEAL
- FAMILY GAME NIGHT
- GO FOR A DRIVE
- GROUP VIDEO CHATS
- STREAM A FAVORITE SHOW
- CALL OR TEXT A FRIEND
- CALL OR TEXT AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOR



For more information visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov

Lastly, please see the ECS Website under [ECS Health and Safety](#) for the latest updates. This will hopefully reduce the need to search through the multitude of emails we're sure you are receiving at this time.

Please continue to stay healthy, and we will continue to update you on a weekly basis. Thank you for being part of such an incredible school community. Your students' education and well-being are our top priorities, so please reach out if there is anything we can do to further support you and your family at this time.

Best,

The ECHS Leadership Team,

K.C. Fabiero, Principal (ext. 2658)

Jane Wyche, Assistant Principal of Instruction (ext. 2535)

Lucia Bañuelos, Assistant Principal of Student Services (ext. 1640)