



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Norovirus Precautions in Place Following Spring Break

Please, sick students and staff need to stay home

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you and your students had a restful and enjoyable spring break.

As you are aware, all schools in our district battled a norovirus outbreak prior to spring break that started in early February. Overall, hundreds of students and staff suffered from this very uncomfortable illness.

We are hopeful that the two-week break eradicated this highly contagious gastrointestinal illness from our community as we enter into a prevention mode going forward.

The best ongoing prevention of resurgence is to keep sick kids home for 48 hours after the symptoms are over. Continued frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the school day will also help prevent the spread of all illnesses, including norovirus.

Please, if your student has been sick with the norovirus symptoms, please keep him or her home for 48 hours after all symptoms are gone.

In addition, we have terminally cleaned every campus over break, following Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols by cleaning high-contact surfaces throughout classrooms, offices, common areas and restrooms.

If your student is absent following spring break, please report the absence to your school office and let staff know if it was due to gastrointestinal illness as described here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/symptoms.html>

All activity restrictions have been lifted upon return from break at all schools, and we would like that to continue for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your efforts to help our students and staff stay healthy!

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