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### *Stanislaus County School Districts Announce School Closures*

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Stanislaus County Office of Education, in collaboration with the 25 school districts in the county, are announcing plans for school closures beginning Thursday, March 19. Return dates will be announced by individual school districts.

“We did not make this decision lightly and recognize that this may cause a hardship for some families. The decision was made based on declining student attendance, increased health concerns, and community feedback,” said Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools. “Each school district and charter school will continue to communicate directly with families and staff with updates about re-opening, learning alternatives, and the availability of school meals.”

School administrators across the county appreciate the proactive illness prevention steps that our families and staff have taken over the last few weeks. Illness prevention steps make a significant difference in safeguarding the health of our communities, and we encourage continued attention in this effort.

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