



## COVID – 19 Update

The Nevada Parent Teachers Association (Nevada PTA) is following developments regarding COVID-19 and monitoring the impact on Nevada students, families and teachers. Nevada's Governor Steve Sisolak has declared a State of Emergency. This is a rapidly evolving situation. All members are encouraged to follow the guidance of state and national government and public health officials. PTAs should follow and share with their members the guidelines and communication provided by their school district.

The State of Nevada has launched a new information site, <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/> for residents to get timely updates and information. Nevadans are encouraged to be prepared, not panic.

Prevention guidelines include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, or use an alcohol-based gel.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Think ahead about how to take care of yourself and your loved ones if the virus starts spreading in the community.
- Help spread the word.

We recognize that this is a complex situation that impacts the health, education and wellbeing of Nevada's families. As the situation develops PTA will continue to share information and resources as well as advocate to ensure the needs of all children and families are addressed. Nevada PTA is also reviewing the feasibility of upcoming events and will communicate any postponements or cancelations as soon as possible.

*Resources:*

COVID-19 - Nevada Health Response

<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/>

Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Families Nevada Department of Education

<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FOR-PARENTS-Coronavirus.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control: Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>