

Tri-Cities ROP

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COVID-19 Update

ATTENTION VISITORS

Out of an abundance of caution, the Tri-Cities ROP offices will be closed to the public beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through **June 30, Tuesday**, unless conditions call for an extension. This is a rapidly changing environment, Tri-Cities ROP will keep you informed with the latest updates. This decision is made after careful consideration of the latest Department of Public Health updates and recommendations regarding precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of the virus. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this unprecedented time. Tri-Cities ROP is serving the community and our educational partners by way of digital communications.

Please visit www.tricitierop.org for more information and to contact staff through email (click on "Staff Directory" on website).

March 17, 2020

Coronavirus update: Gov. Newsom Press Conference, New guidance SPI

As counties and municipalities across the state continued to escalate their response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Gov. Gavin Newsom offered his strongest statement yet about the outlook for public schools grappling with the impact of the pandemic.

While stopping short of a universal declaration, the Governor stated in a [4:30 p.m. press conference](#) that he expected “few, if any” schools to reopen this academic year. Gov. Newsom also indicated the state would apply for a one-year federal waiver from state testing, adding that testing will not be required as long as the U.S. Department of Education accepts the waiver application.

Later in the evening, a number of state agencies jointly released [guidance that addresses some of the most pressing issues related to school closures](#): distance learning, schools meals and childcare and student supervision. The guidance documents are the product of collaboration between the Governor’s Office, the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Health and Human Services Agency. While these documents are significant in scope, it is unlikely they will answer every outstanding question posed by school districts and county offices of education.

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The Tri-Cities ROP Board and Superintendent are actively monitoring the situation and will act as appropriate. The health and safety of our students and their families, and the ROP staff are of the highest priority during this pandemic.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to work together to protect our students, Staff and the wider community.
