May 24, 2017

Dear Preschool Families,

Davis Joint Unified School District, in partnership with the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, announces that the Valley Oak Preschools (including Headstart), and the Adult Living Skills Program will be closed for one day on Friday, May 26, 2017, due to the outbreak of Norovirus.

Norovirus can cause stomach pain, fever, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, and more than 3,000 students have been ill for the last three weeks in Yolo County. Our school has worked hard to prevent Norovirus from spreading; however, our school continues to see an increase in sick students at a higher percentage than most schools in the county. The decision to close our specific school site for this one date was made because of the percentage of students and staff in our programs that have reported symptoms over the last three weeks.

To prevent spread of the virus and to perform further deep cleaning/disinfection of our site, the school will be closed on Friday, May 26, 2017. We apologize for the short notice and understand how this can affect families, but we need to take a more aggressive approach to end the outbreak.

While Davis Joint Unified School District is working with Yolo County Health and Human Services to help protect you, your child and the school community, we also need your assistance:

1. Do not bring your student to school on Friday, May 26.
2. Do not take your student out in public if they have had symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea or fever until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours.
3. Wash your child’s hands regularly during the day.
4. Notify the school to report your child’s illness.

**About Norovirus**
The symptoms last for 1 to 3 days. However, after symptoms disappear, people remain highly contagious, especially for the first 48 hours. There is no treatment for Norovirus. The most important steps to prevent the spread of Norovirus are to stay home if you are sick for 48 hours after the symptoms disappear and for all to wash their hands regularly. If you or a family member are ill with Norovirus and cannot drink fluids, please seek medical attention. The spread of Norovirus can be prevented by practicing proper hand hygiene. Important strategies include washing hands with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and changing diapers and always before eating and preparing or handling food.

The school will reopen after the Memorial Day holiday on Tuesday, May 30.
If you have any questions, contact the school, or, Yolo County Public Health at yolodz@yolocounty.org or, www.yolocounty.org/norovirus.

Sincerely,

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