



## **Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency**

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

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# **Press Release**

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## **Mendocino County Health Officer and Mendocino County Office of Education Issue Statement Regarding Modified Schooling**

County Health Officer Dr. Noemi Doohan and Mendocino County Superintendent Michelle Hutchins are issuing the following statement regarding modified schooling:

By March 17<sup>th</sup> all school districts in Mendocino County will transition to modified schooling. The Mendocino County Office of Education and Mendocino County Health Officer will work directly with the school districts in early April to reevaluate the need for continued modified schooling after spring break. School districts across Mendocino County will be customizing the modified schooling approach based on local needs and resources, which may include suspending site based learning.

Health Officer Dr. Noemi Doohan stated, "After discussions with the Superintendents of every district in Mendocino County, I support the decision of our education leaders to initiate modified schooling until mid-April. As a community we must emphasize the importance of social distancing with our children to make the transition to modified schooling an effective mitigation strategy for COVID-19."

County Superintendent Michelle Hutchins stated, "The collaborative effort of our school leaders and Health Officer is impressive. I applaud the efforts of each school leader as they work with their schools to employ modified schooling. Public Health is supporting each school district to define the particulars of modified schooling to best meet the needs of each community and make best use of local resources."

Please visit [www.mendocinocounty.org](http://www.mendocinocounty.org) for the latest local news on COVID-19. For general health related questions or other concerns regarding COVID-19, please call Mendocino County's Call Center at (707) 234-6052 or email [callcenter@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:callcenter@mendocinocounty.org). The call center will be open during regular business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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