



Dear Siskiyou (SCOE) State Preschool Families,

In response to the continuing concern of COVID-19 in our community, we are taking precautionary steps and following the recommendations and guidelines provided by county, state, and federal agencies to keep our partners and community members healthy and to help reduce the number of those potentially exposed to the virus. The health, safety, and well-being of all individuals and families in Siskiyou County is our highest priority.

Unless you are notified otherwise, Siskiyou (SCOE) State Preschool will be closed Thursday, March 19, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. In addition, we will be closed for our scheduled Spring Break which is April 6, 2020 through April 10, 2020. As of now, we are scheduled to re-open on Monday, April 13, 2020. We will continue to be monitoring the situation and follow the guidance of county officials. Prior to returning, please call us at 530-842-8405 to ensure we are open. We will be keeping our phone message up to date. During the closure, we will also be taking the opportunity to deep clean our facility.

We encourage everyone to refer to <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publichealth> for public health recommendations, updates, and resources; or calling Siskiyou County Public Health at 530-841-2134. We've also attached some additional resources to help answer any questions you may have.

During this stressful time, staying connected to friends, family or a mental health professional for support can help with mental well-being. It's important to talk with children about this situation and calm their fears, and help them understand why trips are cancelled, how to stay healthy, and to not blame those who are sick. Resources like Care, Cope and Connect on first5association.org/care-cope-connect/ help parents cope with stress and provide comfort and support to children through times of community stress. In addition, this Sesame Street video on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=QW1yodZjpG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW1yodZjpG8) is a fun and positive reminder for children on how to keep from spreading germs. Please consider sharing these resources with families.

Take good care of yourselves and each other,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kermith R. Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kermith R. Walters
County Superintendent