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Dear Tulare County Superintendents,

Tulare County Public Health has been committed to supporting schools through COVID-19 and the implementation of the T/K-6th grade Waiver. It's our desire to continue to support Tulare County School Districts providing in-person instruction at all grade levels through the waiver plans or those utilizing cohort guidance.

In order to ensure the best possible collaboration and support, we've developed a team of liaisons that have been assigned to individual school districts. Beginning Monday, December 14, 2020, assigned liaisons will begin reaching out to all districts with an approved waiver. These individuals will be gathering needed information as well as following up on your efforts to provide a safe environment as children return to school. This initial phone call will last about 20 minutes. If you're not able to talk at that time, our team will schedule an appointment for a future date that works with your calendar.

It's important to Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency that we continue to build on the strong relationships that have been developed through this pandemic. We want to ensure you have someone to contact should the need arise. These individuals will be your point of contact for questions as you continue through the school year. The team has been trained by the school's team to provide the best support possible. As always, the school committee will remain available as needed for consults.

Please continue to use our schools email address at tccovidschools@tularehhsa.org. Please note beginning January 4, 2021, the schools email will change to tccovidschools@tularecounty.ca.gov. The tularehhsa.org email will be forwarded to our new email address should you continue to use that email, but we ask that you update your contact information.

Thank you for allowing us to support you during these challenging times. We appreciate your collaboration and partnership!

COVID Schools Team