

Rim of the World Unified School District

Dear ROWUSD Families,

I hope this information finds you safe and well. Things are getting much better around the mountain. We are exiting the emergency phase and entering into the recovery phase. Recovery for so many of our mountain residents, businesses, and agencies will take some time.

Here is some critical information for all of you.

State of Emergency:

We are on day 14 of this State Emergency

Highway Open to Residents:

Residents must provide identification and or utility bill NOTE: Thank you to Senator Ochoa-Boa for assisting Bill Mellinger and myself in getting the road open to residents. This has eased the burden to get food and needed medical supplies/medication for many residents.

Trash Receptacles & Pick-Up

I have worked with the county and Burtec to deliver trash trucks to our school site locations to service our vast communities. I have coordinated the delivery of large trash trucks with receptacle bins on the front of those trucks.

Designated locations daily from 8:00 am. to 2:30 pm. in the school parking lots.

Charles Hoffman Elementary School (CHE)

Lake Arrowhead Elementary School (LAE)

Mary Putnam Henk Elementary School (MPH)

Valley of Enchantment Elementary School (VOE)

Volunteer Effort:

The county is organizing a volunteer effort this weekend. Many volunteers from around the county will be bussed up the mountain and will assist homeowners in digging out of their homes, walkways, and cars. This will be a great help as many homeowners need an extra pair of hands to get fully functional again. More information to come.

School Site Inspections:

All of the ROWUSD school site locations will be thoroughly inspected by our Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to make sure that all staff and students have a safe building and campus to return to. This is being scheduled as soon as possible to put parents and staff mind's at ease when we all return to school and work.

Weather Concerns To Come:

According to the National Weather Service, we are expecting rain with some added high wind. This atmospheric river that is coming is going to bring rain on Thursday night and Friday of this week. They expect 1-2 inches of rain. Expect some flooding concerns for Thursday and Friday as the rain will melt some snow and will have limited places for runoff due to snow accumulation remaining on the ground closing off natural drainage areas. Be especially careful of low-lying areas where water can pool. Sandbags are coming up the mountain and will be used in strategic locations. March 14 -17 there is expected another Atmospheric River to come again and more rain and wind are expected. Snow melt in combination with the 2-3 inches of rain will cause added difficulty and potential flooding in some areas. As the weather warms during the day and added water in the form of rain can produce potential snow slides. PLEASE be mindful of locations in our areas close to steep cliffs and locations with steep inclines that could be potential areas for snow slides.

Food Distribution Centralized Points of Distribution (CPOD) - Approximately 1,000 individuals are provided food daily.**Crestline Area**

Crestline Library- beginning 10:00 am. - 4:00 pm.

Cedar Pines Park Area

VFW - 10:00 am. - 4:00 pm. food delivery from School District trucks.

Lake Arrowhead Area

Blue Jay Cinema - 10:00 am. - 5:00 pm.

Running Springs Area

Charles Hoffman Elementary (CHE) - 10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.

Valley of Enchantment (VOE):

Valley of Enchantment Elementary (VOE) - 8:00 am. to 4:00 pm. daily

People Who Need Assistance - Contact Information:

1. If you need assistance please call 911 and dispatch will coordinate with the Sheriff or county fire to assist you in getting to the shelter locations.
2. County 24-hour helpline # 1-909-387-3911 will route your concern to the proper department for assistance.

Gas Concerns:

Gas leaks remain a large concern for residents and homes. Fire Fighters have been trained to assess gas meters and were provided the needed wrenches to shut off

meters. PLEASE clear your gas meters and vents that exit from the home. They are also flying a low-level helicopter with equipment specific to gas detection.

NOTE: Icicles, especially large ones, that fall from roof lines can hit the meters with enough force to damage them and cause leaks.

DANGER: REMOVE ICICLES with a long pole, shovel, or large roof rake to avoid damage from falling icicles. Icicles will fall especially with warm afternoon temperatures and could damage property and injure individuals.

NOTE: if the vents on the side of the home or on the roof structure are not cleared it can cause CO2 gas to form in the home. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CO2 DETECTORS ARE WORKING. We are trying to get CO2 detectors and Roof Rakes up here to distribute to assist in clearing vents and keeping our residents safe.

Electrical Concerns:

Many homes have come back online with power which is a good sign. However, we have about 50 community members still out of power.

Emergency Relief Shelter Locations:

1. Rim of the World High School (RHS) - Open 24 hrs.

Red Cross is operating this shelter with cots, blankets, food, and medical assistance available.

2. Redlands East Valley Shelter (REV High School) - Open 24 hours

The Red Cross is operating this shelter with cots, blankets, food, wrap-around services, and medical assistance available

Sherrif's Department:

The Sherrif Department has 22 deputies on staff. Their main focus continues to be SEARCH & RESCUE at this time.

Roadway Clearance:

Non-County roadways are being cleared at this time to assist all residents with snow removal on county and non-county roads. All of our students need clear access to get to and from home so it was essential to get non-county roads plowed too.

100% of the Primary Roadways are open by Cal Trans, which includes all major highways.

Secondary roadway clearance

100% Arrowbear

90% Crestline

100% Green Valley Lake

100% Lake Arrowhead
100% Running Springs

NOTE: I have asked Public Works and Cal Trans to also clear the bus stop locations in anticipation of returning to school. This is an essential safety provision that we must have completed in order to reopen schools.

ROWUSD Building Use & Relief Support:

The Rim of the World School District is providing much-needed support in this relief effort. This is a critical effort as ROWUSD buildings are the only buildings large enough to host this extraordinary relief effort.

1. 2 school site locations for Rescue evacuation / Warming Centers that serve all communities.
 - * RHS - Red Cross. 24-hour location
 - * CHE - District Administration (Kim Fricker, Brian Williamse, Brian Keeney)
2. CHE, LAE, MPH & VOE hosting trash receptacles for waste removal.
3. CHE food distribution site location
4. RHS provides staging for So Cal Edison, equipment, and supply storage
5. RHS provides staging for So Cal Gas equipment and supply storage.
6. RHS provides parking and staging for all large equipment & supplies.
7. School Busses are being provided to transport individuals down the mountain.
8. VOE food distribution site location
9. VOE Edison Staging Center for Heavy Equipment

School Cancellations & School Information:

ROWUSD has canceled school through the remainder of this week. A separate detailed Re-Opening Plan will be distributed to families and staff later this week with all pertinent information included.

ROWUSD Planning with Information to Follow:

1. Administrative Management meeting to develop re-opening procedures
2. Student Services & Social Emotional Care options for students upon return.
3. School site inspections of all facilities for structural damage and re-opening necessities.
4. Snow Removal at all campus locations for parking lots and interior walkways and critical spaces.
5. Board Meeting on Thursday will be digital - information for the board meeting will be coming out on Parent Square and on the Social Media platforms.
6. State Applications for waivers & relief funding

Incident Management Team (IMT) has been activated for assistance.

Priority Objectives:

1. Unified Command and timely information
2. Safety of responders and public
3. Snow removal
4. Damage assessment
5. Point of distribution of emergency supplies
6. Fire & law enforcement resident transport
7. Coordination with National Guard deployment
8. Equipment
9. Door checks will come in the future as resources become available

Emergency Response Team:

The emergency response effort is definitely a group effort between State Emergency Operations Team, Cal Trans, Sherrif's Department, California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, County Fire, Public Works, Gas company, National Weather Service, Edison, The Red Cross, and ROWUSD.

Food is being donated from a variety of sources

1. Food Pantry of San Bernardino in coordination with Chief Lupier and our local Sherrif's Department
2. Costco donations
3. Private Companies - several
4. Sandals Church Coordinated efforts
5. Yucaipa Food Shelter Relief

Together we will find a way and get to the other side of this crisis. All of us here at ROWUSD miss you all greatly and It is our only goal to return to school and see all of you in the near future. It is an honor to serve our many communities, families, and children.

#Mountain Strong

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