

## Thiebaut Method's Response to COVID-19

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. So far, no Thiebaut Method student nor any of their family members, nor any staff have contracted COVID-19, and do not appear to have come into contact with anyone who is infected with COVID-19.

In response to COVID-19, Thiebaut Method has decided to follow the protocols of local school systems, including [Ravenswood City School District](#), [Santa Clara Unified School District](#), and [San Mateo County Schools](#).

From 3/16 through 3/27, Thiebaut Method will close its after school program. During this time, staff will remain active and work from home and Thiebaut Method will monitor the progression of COVID-19 to determine whether it is safe to reopen its program on 3/30 or to continue its closure. Thiebaut Method serves students in all three systems and has decided as an educational institution itself to adhere to initial protocols. Thiebaut Method has made contact with all of its families to notify them of the steps it is taking.

Thiebaut Method has created and will be updating its safety screening practices over this time and will be checking in with its families regularly to monitor exposure to or infection of COVID-19. When Thiebaut Method's after school program resumes all families will be screened to ensure its students are healthy and if needed have been cleared by a medical professional.

Thiebaut Method will maintain a screening practice when it does reopen until it is deemed safe by the main health authorities to resume normal operations.

Thiebaut Method is using the following sources of information to stay abreast with the current situation related to COVID-19:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> (CDC)
- <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus> (NIH)
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports> (WHO Daily Situation Reports)

Other sources that Thiebaut Method recommends for keeping up with and dealing with COVID-19:

- Our World In Data breakdown of how to think about COVID-19 - <https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus>
- John Hopkins University COVID-19 tracker - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- Talking to children about COVID-19 - <http://www.ravenswoodschools.org/documents/Talking%20to%20Children%20About%20COVID-19.pdf>

Please stay safe and send word of any news you think is authoritative and requires immediate attention.