



Good Afternoon Covenant Families and Staff,

We wanted to let you know that we are closely monitoring events surrounding the Coronavirus. It is our understanding that there are currently no confirmed cases in Harris County. We will continue to monitor the situation and work in conjunction with the Harris County Public Health Department. We are also following the recommendations and protocols from the Centers for Disease Control.

Some of the measures that we are taking to ensure a safe learning environment for students include the following:

- Both nurses are checking with the Harris County Public Health Department website for updates on a regular basis and have received guidance on screening and evaluation protocols. We will keep a close watch on any student who comes to the clinic with fever or flu-like symptoms. If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, parents will be called to pick up their child.
- We will continue to educate our students and staff about the importance of frequent hand washing; covering a cough or sneeze; not touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth; staying home when sick; not sharing food or drink items; and other measures to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
- Custodial Services are routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces. In addition, all classrooms have access to hand sanitizer.

Since we are still in the midst of our regular cold and flu season, it is important for our community to take preventative measures to safeguard against the spread of communicable diseases. Local and federal health authorities indicate that the best ways to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus are the same recommendations for preventing the spread of the Flu virus.

Parents/Guardians can help by:

- Keeping children home who are sick. If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, he or she should stay home from school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- Reinforcing frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Reinforcing covering a sneeze or cough with a tissue or one's sleeve (not your hands).

More information on the Coronavirus can be found on the centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>).

Warm Regards,

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