

Hello Parents & Guardians,

In an effort to update you on the *Coronavirus* we continue to monitor all information and updates on a daily basis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). In addition, we have been in close contact with the New Jersey Department of Education and neighboring school districts.

As of today, March , 2020, there are 11 cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, but the CDC has warned of “significant disruption” from the *Coronavirus*. We, like all of you, are praying for the best outcome, but are proactively planning and preparing should it impact our school.

Below are several actions taking top priority now in our school:

- The school is working on a contingency plan in the event of an outbreak in New Jersey.
- Our staff, including our school nurse, will be speaking to students about best practices and preventative actions - covering their mouth, staying home if sick, coughing into the crook of your arm, washing your hands for 20 seconds, etc. – and staying informed. We are again attaching documents from the NJDOH.
- We have requested all our custodial help in the school to continue to deep clean schools on a daily basis with hospital-grade disinfectant, filling soap dispensers, and stocking paper towels. Schools will continue to be wiped down and cleaned several times a day.
- With the district’s Spring Break scheduled for April 10-17th, we ask that you review the CDC website for current travel advisories regarding any restrictions on travel. Destinations experiencing sustained community transmission should be avoided, according to the New Jersey Department of Health.

We recommend that if you have a fever, cough or respiratory symptoms to call your medical provider first before arriving at their office or a hospital.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy. We hope that all this planning is only preventative and we at NECCS are not impacted by the *Coronavirus*. We will be sure to update you should we have additional information to share.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Katherine V. Martinez
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