



Superintendent for Secondary Schools
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Dear School Families and Staff,

As you may have seen in recent media reports, health and safety concerns have arisen throughout our country due to the coronavirus.

Providing for the health, welfare, and safety of the young people and staff in our schools is of the utmost importance to us. As such, we have been monitoring developments relative to coronavirus closely.

We have implemented the following practices out of an abundance of caution. They are based on guidelines set forth by the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC) and the PA Department of Health.

Students, families, employees, and volunteers should avoid travelling to countries where the CDC has issued a Level 3 travel notice. These countries may be found on the CDC travel website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Individuals returning from a country with a Level 3 Travel Notice are required to remain home for 14 days following their re-entry to the United States. According to the CDC, the incubation period for coronavirus spans 2 to 14 days. If these individuals are virus free after 14 days, they may return to school. Individuals exhibiting signs of ill health during the 14-day in home period is required to seek immediate medical attention.

We have been increasing cleaning in schools and encourage everyone to follow these recommendations from the PA Department of health to protect yourself from illnesses such as the cold, flu and also the coronavirus:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, do not use your hands!
- Clean surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched areas.
- Contain- if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.

We will continue to monitor the CDC recommendations and adjust policies accordingly. Please use the link below for additional information. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Be assured of our continued prayers for all those affected by this virus.

Sincerely in Christ,

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