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Dear Parents, Guardians, and All District Staff:

M.E.T.S. Charter School is continuing to monitor the alerts from the [CDC](#) about the possibility of the spread of Coronavirus within the United States. We continue to follow the current guidance posted by the [New Jersey Department of Education](#) and the [New Jersey Department of Health](#). Please note, at this time we have no concerns about this virus in our schools.

As recommended by the CDC, we are in the process of making preparations for the possibility that a spread of the virus in the U.S. may impact school attendance, and/or require us to close schools. Fortunately, with our Google Classroom platform, we are well prepared to deliver instruction for our students should such a situation occur.

Given the number of cases in other countries has increased, to include confirmed cases in the United States, the District would like to provide information to alleviate concerns and reinforce that proactive measures will be taken to maintain the health and safety of our school community. The Department of Health and the M.E.T.S. Charter School District recommends that all families with a child who (within the past two weeks) has traveled to an area of the world highly impacted by the Coronavirus, to please contact their child's principal and/or school nurse prior to sending their child back to school. Please only notify the school district about your own child/children who have recently traveled to a country impacted by the Coronavirus. We cannot discuss the health concerns of other students due to confidentiality restrictions.

We would like to remind you of the recommended precautions for preventing the flu and other viruses:

- Handwashing with soap and water is preferred to the use of sanitizer. Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands. Throw the tissue directly in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Keep your children home when they are sick. Children should not return to school unless they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.
- Avoid people who are sick.



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- Get a flu shot – it's not too late to be protected.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Each school will identify a specific location for students who are demonstrating flu-like symptoms. The location will be in a safe area away from other students until the student is picked up by a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians will be expected to pick-up their child within one hour of being contacted.

If you have general questions about Coronavirus, you may call the NJ Department of Health COVID Hotline 1-800-222-1222.

District notification will be conveyed regarding any potential school closures. Thank you for taking the time to review this information. Your collaboration with maintaining a healthy school community is greatly appreciated. We will continue to provide ongoing updates and information as appropriate and necessary.

Sincerely,

Damion Frye

Lead Administrator