

Dear LCCS Family:

The administrative team at LCCS has been monitoring the situation with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) closely and working behind the scenes to be prepared as we can for an uncertain future. This situation is rapidly changing by the day and we hope to be prepared with multiple contingencies as events unfold. *This letter is to officially inform you that LCCS will be extending spring break an additional week to allow more information about corralling the spread of the virus and our vital role in its containment. More information will be forthcoming as plans are implemented.* 

Tarrant County Health Department currently shows one positive case of Coronavirus. While the Houston area is apparently the hub of the outbreak in our state, we must face the reality that this dynamic virus has an unknown extension throughout our country and the world. Though it appears that children are somewhat immune from the total effects of the virus, students with compromised immune systems or other health challenges are still at risk as well as adults and especially the elderly.

Spring Break saw many of our families traveling across the country and the world. This could present an unknown risk of greater exposure, as other countries and areas of the U.S. are experiencing multiple sudden outbreaks. Any person who has visited a country listed at level 2 or higher are asked to limit outside interactions for at least 14 days. If you are currently traveling and affected by quarantine or travel restrictions, please contact the grade-level principal.

The following are some things to bear in mind at the time school reconvenes:

1. Remember that the majority of Upper Respiratory Illnesses are currently NOT Covid19.

2. Regardless of travel history, children with cough, fever, shortness of breath need to stay home and contact your pediatrician's office for further instruction and medical evaluation. If a sibling is sick that is not an LCCS student, please notify the school. *PLEASE, do not medicate and send your child to school if they have a fever (100 degrees or higher).* 

3. The virus can spread by droplets in the air (estimated 5-6 feet). Please continue to educate proper cough etiquette, which included covering your cough with a disposable tissue or the sleeve of your arm

4. The virus can also be spread by touching surfaces with those droplets on them and then touching your face, eyes, and nose.

5. Frequent hand washing will be encouraged at school, WASH your hands! · Do NOT touch your face (eyes, nose, and mouth), chew on a pen, or share drinks/food/utensils

Here are some helpful links for your questions about Covid-19, Coronavirus. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u> <u>https://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html</u>

Our website at <u>www.lccs.org</u> will keep you up to speed on the latest developments regarding this everchanging situation.

Finally, remember that our ultimate hope and security is in the Lord. Just like he had pestilence and disease die at the door of the Children of Israel, we pray he will do the same for the LCCS family who is joined together in his name.

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