

March 2, 2020 Update

Dear Families,

We are writing to update you on St. Anne's School of Annapolis' monitoring and response related to the novel coronavirus, now referred to as COVID-19. As you may know, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued warnings this week about COVID-19 and indicated that they believe the virus is likely to spread in communities in the United States.

We continue to regularly monitor information, communications, and updates related to COVID-19 provided by the [CDC website](#), the [Association of Independent Maryland & D.C. Schools \(AIMS\)](#), the [Maryland State Department of Education \(MSDE\)](#), and the [National Association of Independent Schools \(NAIS\)](#). We have also reviewed the [Maryland Department of Health's](#) guidance for schools, provided [here](#). Based on reviews of risk assessment information and expert guidance from these organizations, we currently are not restricting activities for students. We are updating our crisis plan to prepare for any disruptions and to respond readily. We will communicate any changes in our activities or practices to you immediately.

At school, we continue to focus on best practices and precautionary measures for cold and flu prevention. We remind you and your families, too, to continue actions to promote good health such as frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, getting flu shots, and not sharing utensils, straws, or drinks. Please keep your child at home if they are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, and remember that students need to be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If your child is diagnosed with the flu, please notify the [Main Office](#). We encourage you to visit the CDC website for the most updated and thorough information on both COVID-19 and seasonal flu, which poses a far greater risk at this time.

The health and safety of our community remain our highest priority. As always, we will continue to support our students and families as we monitor the COVID-19 developments and update the community as necessary.

Kind regards,

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