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## Coronavirus Awareness Letter

Dear Parents,

The health and safety of your student is of utmost importance to us. As we monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, we are using the guidelines being set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as state & local health care agencies and school districts at this time and will follow any changes to their guidelines as they unfold.

*We will continue to have class as long as the schools or facilities are open. Should the infection spread to our local area, we will keep you updated as to any class cancellation in a timely manner. Be prepared with a childcare back-up plan in the event that class is cancelled.*

**We also are adopting some precautionary steps** to ensure the health and safety of our teachers and students:

- Teachers will clean tables, desks, and lab equipment with disinfecting wipes before and after class to minimize the spread of germs
- Teachers will be washing hands before and after class. They will also follow the same CDC guidelines as students (see below) to combat the spread of the virus.
- Teachers will stay home when they are sick. A substitute teacher will be placed when available.
- Teachers will call parents/guardians to pick up their students if they come to our classroom sick and/or have fever.
- We will apply restrictions on offering our programs to affected area if any. Travel precautions for our teachers applied.

**We would like your help too!** The CDC advises that COVID-19 is transmitted similarly to the common cold and flu and recommends similar everyday personal prevention as the most important step to combating the spread of the virus.

**Please remind your student to:**

- Wash their hand with soap and water for 20 seconds before class.
- Use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cover mouth with tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with any illness.
- Let a teacher know if they begin to feel sick during class.
- Keep student home when they are sick. If they begin to feel sick before our class begins (I.e. during school hours), please have the student go to school office and not stay for our class.



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If members of your family have traveled recently or have upcoming travel plans, please reference the CDC guidelines and resources for travelers (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>).

For more information from the CDC, please visit the CDC Website COVID-19 Situation Summary here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> which is continually being updated.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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