



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to assure you that we are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus (now named COVID-19) situation. As of March 6th, St. Louis County health officials report there is one "Presumptive Positive" case of coronavirus in Missouri (specifically St. Louis County).

You may be aware that the disease has spread to other countries and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued new travel warnings with increased concern. Additional detail about these warnings can be found on the [CDC](#) and the [World Health Organization](#) websites.

The CDC also recently shared that the coronavirus almost certainly will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now. As a result, the School Leadership Team is working with the Missouri Charter Public Schools Association (MCPSA) and health officials to establish protocols for La Salle in the event that coronavirus does spread in St. Louis and we have to deliver alternative instruction due to a School closure. More information will be shared as this plan develops. In the meantime, current information about the coronavirus is again available on the CDC website.

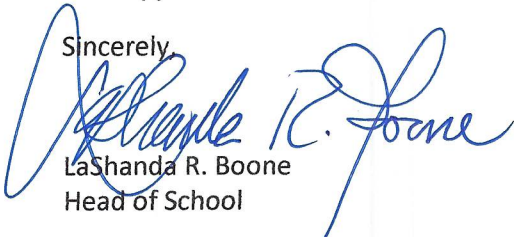
As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year

Additionally, the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#) does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases. To aid in assisting our School community in COVID19 prevention, we will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.

If you have questions about these topics, please contact me directly. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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