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Dear SMCS Families,

We are writing to follow up on communication about novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We will continue to monitor timely resources to inform how we can best uphold our commitment to our community's health and well-being. While it is unsettling for parents, students, and employees to read daily about COVID-19, the CDC has advised communities, businesses, schools, and other organizations to continue preparing for the possibility of needing to manage this new virus. Our school is committed to being as prepared as possible, thus providing the following updates on our community's decisions and guidance.

Business or Other Travel

Many of our parents are required to travel for business or other reasons, and we ask that those who travel to areas of CDC Level 2 or Level 3 concern inform the school of their travel so that we may provide appropriate guidance. We will be asking travelers from those countries to refrain from coming to campus for a minimum of 14 days after returning home.

Thanksgiving/Christmas and Spring Break Travel

With Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching, we are particularly mindful that many of our families have plans to travel. We encourage families to take the usual health precautions. As you evaluate your travel, we encourage you to keep abreast of changes in restrictions for COVID-19 by using the following website: U.S. State Department to review your destination(s) before your departure, during your trip, and upon your return. We understand this information changes and, as such, encourage you to check this website regularly. Many countries have instituted restrictions and quarantines for travel into and out of the country that may directly affect you. Please be mindful that

travel restrictions can change with little or no advanced notice, and airlines may change or cancel flights in response.

Self-Quarantine For Travelers

In an abundance of caution, we ask Our School students, parents, faculty, staff, and volunteers who are traveling to and/or returning from CDC Level 2 or Level 3 areas or whose household members are returning from CDC Level 2 or Level 3 areas, not to return to school (including any school activities on or off campus) until a 14-day period has elapsed following their return to the United States, and to obtain medical clearance before returning to campus. If you travel to these areas, we ask you to self-report via the respective school administration.

Please contact your physician for specific instructions regarding self-quarantine. Please know that should your student require quarantine post-travel, we will do our best to provide remote learning and extend deadlines.

I hope you and your families have a healthy and safe holiday season!

Love in Christ,
Kimberly Odom

