

Dear Ivy Hawn Parents

Nothing is more important to us than the safety and well-being of our students. We are closely monitoring any potential the Coronavirus may have on schools in FL. We have been updating our website, policies, and procedures regarding COVID-19 for our Ivy Hawn campus.

Although Florida is currently considered at low-risk for an outbreak of the Coronavirus, we are taking some proactive measures. We have increased our daily efforts of sanitizing our school and classrooms. Teachers are sanitizing between classes and after school as well as custodians deep-cleaning every evening. Additionally, we are encouraging handwashing, and we are asking anyone with flu-like symptoms to stay home.

We are asking students, families and staff that have traveled to areas identified as high-risk for the Coronavirus to self-isolate for 14 days after returning from these locations. These locations which are considered a level two or three by the CDC are listed here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> . These include China, Italy, South Korea, and Japan at this time. If our families, students or staff members return from one of these locations and experience flu-like symptoms, it's recommended that you see a doctor and contact the health department.

For more information you can check out: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Florida Department of Health](#) regarding novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

Ivy Hawn will continue to make decisions based on recommendations from the CDC, local health officials, FLDoE, and Volusia County Schools. Refer to the link on our homepage for more information and updates.

**Update: 3/11/20:**

**COVID-19 Update: Student Field Trips Involving Air Travel Suspended Immediately**

All Central Florida school superintendents continue to carefully monitor the COVID-19 situation. Following a call with the Florida Commissioner of Education this morning and based on his strong recommendations, all student field trips involving air travel will be suspended immediately through the end of the current school year. District and school staff members will work with parents and travel companies on appropriate cancellation arrangements.

While we have been advised by experts that the risk to young people remains low, we encourage everyone to continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and to follow healthy habits. Hand washing with soap and water remains the best prevention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Holly A. Conway*

Principal