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Dear IvyTech Families,

During what is probably a challenging and confusing time for us all, I am reaching out to provide a status update on new developments related to coronavirus, and share some additional details about the actions we are taking and planning to protect our school community.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is our priority. While the total number of coronavirus cases in the U.S. remains relatively small, experts expect this number to grow as testing increases and more individuals seek care. Currently, the key recommendations from public health agencies to prevent the spread of coronavirus are regular, thorough, handwashing and that symptomatic individuals remain home rather than going to work or school. We echo this recommendation and ask that students with any signs of respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms be kept home.

We are staying in contact with Ventura County Office of Education and the department of public health to stay updated on the situation and take actions as needed. Our janitorial group continues to focus on regularly cleaning surfaces like doorknobs, countertops, and desks.

Our staff continues to discuss how student learning can continue should our school (Hybrid program) be closed temporarily. We will communicate more details around what this will look like as it becomes necessary.

Finally, Standard precautions, and best practices to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as cold and flu apply to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- 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.
- Get vaccinated for the flu every year.

Additional public health information on the coronavirus is available at:

- [California Department of Public Health website](#)
- [CDC website](#).

By working together to follow these important guidelines, we can help keep our students, staff and community healthy. We will continue to monitor the situation and will continue to inform our community of updates and changes through our school website, www.ivytechcharterschool.org.

Thank you,

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