

SANTA RITA RANCH CAMPUS
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to provide you with information about the novel coronavirus and influenza in general. The novel coronavirus is a newly identified illness that is transmitted from human to human that you have likely heard about over the past few months. The ever-changing influenza virus is always a persistent illness each year.

We have no reason at this time to believe anyone on our campus is infected with the coronavirus.

The Academy is nevertheless closely monitoring the situation and will update the community on new developments as appropriate.

We have compiled some frequently asked questions for your reference. The best source of information on the novel coronavirus is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. We urge you to check the CDC website for the most up-to-date developments.

What are the symptoms of the novel coronavirus?

They can be similar to the flu or cold: fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Should I be tested?

Yes, if you have traveled in or through [known affected areas](#) in the past 14 days and have any of the above symptoms.

How can I avoid getting sick?

Follow the standard best practices for preventing the spread of illness:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading any virus to others, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover coughs and sneezes in your elbow or sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay at home and avoid public places and travel, when possible.

What is the school doing?

- We are monitoring information from the CDC daily.
- In addition to our normal cleaning and maintenance we are focused on sanitizing common touch points such as doorknobs and water fountains.
- We will continue to monitor our students paying special attention to any flu-like symptoms.

What can you and your family do?

- **Remind your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water.
- **Encourage your children not to share personal items** such as drinks, food or utensils. Direct them to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Direct them to cover up their coughs or sneezes using their elbow, arm, or sleeve instead of their hands, when a tissue is unavailable.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius, or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and fatigue. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours** *after* they no longer have a fever without using fever-reducing medication.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** The administration and staff will be monitoring symptoms of those on campus to ensure our students, families, and staff are protected from exposure to any illness.

Again, **we have no reason at this time to believe anyone on our campus is infected with the novel coronavirus** and we will update you as appropriate.

Our community's health and safety is our utmost concern. We encourage you to inform yourself about the novel coronavirus and take the necessary precautions to help keep our campus safe and healthy.

God bless your weekend,

The DSA Administration