



March 6, 2020

Dear HCA Families,

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19, or Coronavirus, spread, I want to update you on recent developments in our efforts to manage the situation and prepare for possible changes to our routines.

1. We have secured the services of a health care provider who will be supporting our school community throughout this time. I'm delighted that Ms. Judy Kurland, RN, BSN will be providing us with training, and serving as a primary point of contact for families and employees. She brings more than 15 years of experience as a healthcare professional in hospitals and other clinical settings and earned her bachelor of science in nursing degree at Pennsylvania State University. In addition to her professional qualifications, many of you know Ms. Kurland as the parent of recent HCA students Danny, Sarah, and Rachel Deeney. Ms. Kurland and her husband, Dr. Gerry Deeney, have been active and engaged parents, volunteers, and supporters of our school community for many years, so she is well acquainted with the needs of our families and employees.
2. If you have questions or concerns about your child and the Coronavirus, Ms. Kurland may be reached at nurse@holychildacademy.com.
3. We will be monitoring our needs as the situation evolves, but the current plan is to have Ms. Kurland on site in school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Since she lives quite close to our school, Ms. Kurland will also be available at other times if needed.
4. We have created a webpage, accessible from the homepage ([click here](#)) where you may find all relevant information and resources regarding COVID-19 and HCA's response.
5. In the unlikely event that our school will need to close due to directives from a government or district office, or due to an exceptionally high absence rate, our faculty have developed resources to provide your students with on-going instruction. We will be using all technologies available to us. You will be receiving further information about this from individual teachers if and when the situation arises.

At this time, while a very low number of people in our region have been identified as having some contact with the virus, there is no need to panic or to change our plans for normal school activities. Although according to the CDC ([click here](#)), children are not more susceptible to the virus, we will continue to closely assess the situation and will notify you immediately if changes are warranted.



HCA Family Preparedness:

There are action steps that you can do to help us keep our school community safe and prepared:

1. MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT SCHOOL MAY BE CLOSED FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME. We realize that this may be the most challenging aspect of this situation, but **if we are directed or need to close our school, the notification will come with little advance warning.** Please be prepared to make provisional arrangements to secure care and supervision for your children.

2. Verify that your emergency contact form is up to date, including your cell phone number for [AMG Alerts](#). Please use the Member Login to update your profile if necessary. This will avoid confusions or delays in the event that we do need to communicate with you.

3. Continue to observe the best practices to avoid the spread of infections and viruses:

- Encourage your students and all family members to wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose. Dispose of tissues immediately and wash hands immediately after disposal.
- Avoid contact with anyone exhibiting cold-like symptoms.
- **If your student is sick or exhibiting contagious symptoms such as fever, cough, or sneezing, it is imperative that you keep them home from school to avoid spreading illness.**
- **If your child exhibits a fever or other symptoms at school, they will be sent home.**

As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our priority, and our faculty and staff are committed to doing all that we can to support them and you during this time.

Sincerely,

Margaret Fox-Tully