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# CHRISTIAN CENTRAL ACADEMY

*K-12 College Preparatory School*

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Dear CCA Parent/Guardian:

Please be assured that CCA's administration is monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation on an ongoing basis and following directives from New York State and Erie County Health Departments. We will continue to post information to you, our CCA community.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Erie County Department of Health (DOH) recommend that:

- Students or staff stay home when sick.
- If students or staff show symptoms of COVID-19, please consult your personal or family medical provider.
- COVID-19 spreads from person to person in droplets produced by coughs and sneezes; therefore:
  - Practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette is essential.
  - Our faculty and staff continue to emphasize good handwashing and coughing/sneezing practices with students to avoid the spread of germs.

CCA will continue to perform more frequent environmental cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.

The local health department will notify CCA if and when a particular school building must close due to COVID-19 and when a school can reopen. CCA will work in collaboration with the state and local health officials regarding decisions to close school and/or cancel large events. For example, the DOH and the governor have mandated that all schools with confirmed cases of COVID-19 report such cases and close school immediately for 24 hours. During that time, the DOH will investigate the threat of spread and whether there is a need for prolonged closure. Should such a scenario unfold, CCA will communicate with families about next steps including identifying what continued instruction could look like in the event we close.

There are a number of steps that students, staff, and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the state Department of Health:

- 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. Heavily soiled hands should be washed.
- 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.

If you or a family member begin showing symptoms of a respiratory disease and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. Before going to your healthcare provider's office, inform them that a case of COVID-19 is suspected, and follow their advice.

A note to our March 21 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala guests, CCA depends greatly upon the community's support of our annual Gala. The proceeds provide critical operating budget support and make possible new opportunities: advancing professional development for faculty and staff; allowing for upgrades to the arts, athletics, and technology; as well as subsidizing tuition assistance for families in need.

The Gala is scheduled to take place! The Gala Team is working on an alternate plan, should our event need to be rescheduled. Please continue to pray for the Gala, whenever it occurs, for our guests, and for our Lord to be glorified above all!

"Fear not," "for I am with you." How often we read these words in the scriptures! Other verses coming to mind include Psalm 91., Matthew 6:33-34., Acts 2:43-47., Philippians 4:6-7

Let us pray for all of those affected by this situation.

CCA continues, as always, to take precautions recommended by the New York State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We value your trust and support and will continue to honor that support to the best of our abilities.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and understanding as we navigate this uncharted territory. As new information becomes available, I will continue to update the CCA community. The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness. Please see below for additional resources.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Stuart S. Chen, PhD, PE  
Interim Head of School

NYS DOH Guidance

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

SED General Guidance Page

<https://www.health.ny.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/coronavirus.html>

NYSED/NYSDOH Joint Guidance Memo

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/coronavirus/covid-19-p-12-school-guidance.pdf>

Interim Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance for Schools

[www.asbonevork.com/resource/resmgr/legislative/cleaning\\_guidance\\_schools.pdf](http://www.asbonevork.com/resource/resmgr/legislative/cleaning_guidance_schools.pdf)

Executive Order Number 202 – State of Emergency

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-202-declaring-disaster-emergency-state-new-york>

CDC COVID-19 Home Page

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

John Hopkins Map

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>

COVID-19: What is Stigma and What Causes It?

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – Frequently Asked Questions – Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#prevention>

Prevention, Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.