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Dear St. George's Community,

St. George's is following updates and guidance from the [CDC](#) and the [Louisiana Office of Public Health](#) surrounding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that originated in China in December 2019. The CDC considers this a very serious public health threat, but the immediate health risk to the general American public is considered low at this time.

Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses that cause mild respiratory illnesses. The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including 2019-nCoV and the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you have any questions at all, please reach out to our school nurse, [Penny Nunenmacher](#).

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