



## PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

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March 6, 2020

To the Princeton Day School Community,

With the start of spring break, I wanted to update you on our school-wide preparation for the challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I'll begin with the ongoing operation of the School. Should Princeton Day School need to close for a period of time, we want to ensure that our students and faculty will be able to continue the work they have begun together. In pursuit of that goal, Chief Information Officer Jon Ostendorf, together with technology specialists in each division, has worked closely with division heads and department chairs to design division-specific, remote-learning protocols. I anticipate that all of that work will be completed during our two-week break and shared with our community before our return on March 23.

I have canceled our lone international trip, a week-long visit to the Island School in the Bahamas. As of this writing, the three spring break athletic trips – girls' and boys' lacrosse to Florida and baseball to South Carolina – will move forward as planned. Should we need to cancel these trips, we will want to make certain that all three teams have good pre-season practice options close to home.

Having spoken about spring break travel with a number of parents and faculty, I know that many – including Maureen and I – are reassessing plans, for while it is a simple matter to identify those countries with travel alerts in place, it is impossible to speculate which countries may join the list in the next two weeks. The following advisories – from CDC and the State Department – will help to guide the decisions you may have to make:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Students and faculty alike must avoid travel to any country with a CDC Travel Alert Level 3 designation. Anyone returning from a country designated Level 3 must self-quarantine for 14 days, the requisite period specified by the CDC. (Remember: this list may expand in the next two weeks.) Short of these precautions, I urge you to use common sense while traveling; and to let us know if you or your child has traveled to a place in which COVID-19 is an imminent concern. For all of us to remain safe and healthy, we must rely on the willingness of each to share this vital information. I know I can count on you to do so.

On the School's [pds.org](https://pds.org) homepage you will find a "[Health Preparedness and Updates](#)" button that takes viewers to updated information on developments related to COVID-19 and its impact on Princeton Day School. It will serve for now as a repository for communication with our community.

Although there are likely many surprises awaiting us, there is no detail we will fail to consider and address. We have begun that work in earnest and will continue it through the next two weeks. Along with my Leadership Team colleagues, I appreciate your patience and guidance. Of course, as you have questions or suggestions at any time, please contact me or Dr. Candy Shah ([mshah@pds.org](mailto:mshah@pds.org)).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJS', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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