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Dear YES Prep Families:

At YES Prep Public Schools, our priority is the health and safety of our students. This is the time of year when flu and other illnesses are quite common. You have likely heard of the coronavirus in the news. We want to send you an update and share information that we've received from federal, state and local agencies.

1. Health officials have stated that coronavirus symptoms are similar to the flu: fever, body aches, coughing and shortness of breath and as with the flu, prevention is the best defense against being infected.
2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly urges everyone to take every day proactive measures to help prevent the spread of any illness. This means:
 - 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.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick and remain home until fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We continue to communicate with public health agencies and will update you as information becomes available.

If you have interest in learning more about illness protection, please visit the Texas Department of State and Health Services website (dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html) for more information.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students!