



## A Message about Coronavirus

March 4, 2020

Dear Boys' Latin Community:

Successful schools are safe schools, and I write to offer assurance that we are closely monitoring the health and medical news surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) so we can keep our students, faculty, and staff safe.

The first suspected case of Coronavirus in Pennsylvania has hit the news, but no official reporting has been made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The CDC recently shared that the coronavirus almost certainly will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now. We are working with health care providers and medical experts to implement preventive measures at Boys' Latin, including robust cleaning procedures and sanitizing methods. Additionally, our health care providers are receiving additional training so we are prepared to support our school family.

We ask that you join us in keeping our community safe. As a reminder to families, if your child is sick, please keep him home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, students should follow these important tips:

- 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.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Receive the flu vaccination.

Additionally, the CDC does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases. Current information about the coronavirus is available at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Boys' Latin will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noah Tennant', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Noah Tennant  
Chief Executive Officer