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Dear Govs Community,

With March break beginning at the end of the week and cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) increasing across the globe, I wanted to follow-up on my email from last week to share with you the precautions that Governor's has taken to prevent illness for our community members and the policies that we have put into place for students' and adults' return to campus after break.

The Deans' Team, Duncan Health Center, and Academy Administration continue to monitor the virus outbreak as we work to best support our students and our families. We are closely following the Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and other news outlets daily for global, as well as North American, infectious disease news. This is an unprecedented situation and our response is evolving as there are new developments. Here is an update on the precautions that we are taking:

- The virus has spread significantly in South Korea in recent days and the CDC has adjusted its warning level from "Level 2 - Practice enhanced precautions" to "Level 3 - Avoid non-essential travel". Given that Governor's would expect any student traveling to a country with a warning level of "Level 3" to participate in a two-week quarantine upon returning to the US, we are recommending that students not travel to South Korea over March break. Just as they did with Chinese students and families in February, the Deans' Team has been working with South Korean students and their families to ensure that everyone has a place to stay in North America over March break.
- Italy has also been elevated to "Level" 3 by the CDC and the disease has begun spreading in other European countries and as a result, we have decided to cancel our March break trips to Italy and France. With few reported cases in Central America, the trip to Costa Rica is currently planned to take place.
- Before departing for March break, we will ask all families— students, faculty, and staff— to inform us if they plan to travel and, if so, to what cities, states, and countries. Parents, faculty, and staff - [click here](#) to fill out the Google form.
- The Duncan Health Center continues to be in contact with local and state health authorities as needed, and is following any guidelines for health professionals set forth by the CDC.
- The best precautions against this virus are the same as those we should follow for the routine cold and flu, including paying special attention to routine hand washing and general hygiene,

and for anyone that is exhibiting flu-like symptoms to seek medical care immediately. Please come to the Duncan Health Center if you display any symptoms.

Upon return from March break, if there is concern that a student has been exposed to the virus, based on their symptoms and recent travel, they will be isolated and next steps will be dictated by local and state health officials. Unfortunately, this might mean that students would miss days of their classes and their spring afternoon program. It's highly possible that this concern will be detected prior to that person's return to school, in which case they would remain in isolation at home. Steps have already been taken to plan for virtual learning should this situation arise. It is important to note that Governor's would take the same steps with all faculty, staff, and their family members.

Given the speed with which this virus has spread, we cannot accurately predict which countries will elevate their warning to "Level 3" during our two-week March break. To present a possible scenario, if a Governor's student went home to the U.K. over the break and while home the CDC increased the warning to "Level 3", that student would need to participate in the two-week quarantine period. Families planning trips or their student's return to their home country should keep this policy in mind.

We care about your children and know how much they are looking forward to March break. While we do not want to keep students from seeing their families or taking part in their travel plans, we need to look out for the well-being of our entire community. We continue to keep faculty and advisors abreast of the changing circumstances and protocols surrounding the virus. They are inviting students into extra conversations and making sure that they feel supported during this challenging time.

Please reach out with any other questions or concerns that you might have.

My best,
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