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Dear Parents, Families & Clients,

This is to provide you an update and additional information about Lexington’s action regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have been closely following the information shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE). Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation and will stay up-to-date with information that becomes available. At this time, there is 3 positive case in New York City and 1 positive case in New York State (outside of NYC).

We are taking several steps to ensure a clean and safe environment at Lexington. We are working with students and clients to promote good hygiene. Our custodial staff is performing a thorough cleaning every day and we are increasing our efforts to sanitize and disinfect common touch surfaces.

Any decisions that may need to be made regarding a change to school and agency operations will be done so with guidance from the CDC and local health officials, along with input from the authorities at NYC Department of Education and New York State Education Department.

There is currently no vaccine available to protect against this virus. However, CDC recommends the following ways to prevent the spread of everyday illness like the common cold or the flu including COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away, or cough and sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose
- Wash your hands after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects such as toys and doorknobs
- Stay at home while you are sick
- Call and inform the Health Services of any confirmed virus diagnosis


We ask that parents, families, and clients help by emphasizing healthy practices at home.

Lexington follows the New York State Department of Health Guidelines for illness-related exclusions from school. A student will be sent home if they have a fever of 100.0 Fahrenheit or higher, or any other contagious symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) and will need to remain home until symptom free for twenty-four (24) hours, without the use of medications.

If anyone has fever, and cough, need to stay home and contact your doctor for further instruction.

Resource links:


Teacher-Friendly Video  https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/

Thank you,

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