

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF



HEIGHTS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

January 23, 2020

Dear HCS Parents,

Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the first confirmed case of the **Wuhan coronavirus** in the United States. The virus was first identified in China last month and has spread to more than five other countries including the United States.

Because the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff are a top priority, as a precaution to prevent the spread of the virus to our school communities, **the following guidelines will be implemented immediately** and will remain in effect until the threat of the spread of the virus has been removed:

- Any person(s) who have visited China since January 1, 2020 should notify the School Office immediately and will be required wear a medical mask when on campus.
- Students are encouraged to remain in the United States. Beginning today, if a student travels to China, clearance from a US doctor will be required prior to returning to school.

As a reminder, it is already the policy of HCS that **students who are sick should be kept at home. Students with a fever should not return to school until they are fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the School Office.

More information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>:

Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing.

The best ways to avoid exposure are to: 1) avoid contact with sick people; 2) wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; 3) seek medical care right away if you or your child feels sick with fever; 4) cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing; and 5) stay home when you are sick.