



Maritime Academy Charter School

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Dear Maritime Families and Staff,

The coronavirus situation continues to evolve quickly in the U.S. I am writing to provide important reminders about what we can all do to be prepared and to update you about the extra measures we are taking to support healthy schools and work environments.

At this time, the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) does NOT have any suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus in schools or offices.

The most important thing we can all do to protect ourselves and others is to continue to practice these basic preventive actions:

- wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds regularly
 - cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – and wash your hands afterward
 - avoid touching your face: mouth, nose or eyes
 - stay home if you are sick. Other measures the School District is taking to minimize the spread of any virus include:
- **More hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes** - supplies are being delivered to the schools. **All elementary school buildings - 11, 106, 41, 42 and 107, along with the high school building at 2700 E. Huntingdon Street, were thoroughly disinfected and sanitized over the weekend.**

Schools will continue make hand sanitizer available in entryways and cafeterias for frequent use by students, staff and visitors. Teachers and students will use wipes in classrooms as supplies allow. We realize there is a lot of uncertainty and some anxiety about the coronavirus. Please know we are taking this situation very seriously. We will continue to monitor information.

- **Heightened cleaning practices** - Our deep-cleaning protocols are being enhanced, and support staff will take extra care to clean and disinfect frequently touched hard surfaces such as handrails, doorknobs, desks and counters.

Below you will find resources from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the School District of Philadelphia.

1. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health has established a website ([link](#)) with resources including guidance for schools ([link](#)).
2. For schools and individuals that have travel planned (e.g. field trips, spring break vacations), the CDC has published travel advisories to its website ([link](#)). At the time of this communication, the advisories pertain only to international travel, but it is recommended to track the CDC's website in case advisories for domestic travel are posted.

Sincerely,

Eugene Mattioni
Chief Executive Officer