

March 11, 2020

Dear CLCS Community,

We are writing to share updates regarding our ongoing efforts to prepare for and prevent exposure to COVID-19. Currently, there are no COVID-19 cases reported among our students, staff or families from our community. We will notify the community if this changes.

Recently, we have had ongoing communication with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health numerous times to receive the most up to date information to respond to all needs regarding COVID-19. These networks have arranged regular scheduled meetings and updates, so that we can respond quickly to any changes. We are currently following the CDC and DPH nightly sanitizing protocols in both buildings. In addition, students are given multiple opportunities to wash their hands during the day, and hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms.

In the case that you or a family member is experiencing symptoms, please contact your family physician or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-983-6800 for guidance. Your doctor will direct you to the appropriate next steps. Doctors have an extensive reporting network in place to respond to any suspected cases.

Many children may have questions or fears regarding COVID-19. Limit children's exposure to information in the media regarding COVID-19. If your child has independent access to the internet, closely monitor internet and social media sources, while reminding them that some internet sources may not be true. Avoid language that places blame on individuals or stereotypes of people. Discuss the health precautions that everyone should be taking to remain healthy. If your child is sick, your child may return to school when he/she is symptom free without medication for 24 hours.

Given the recommendations regarding social distancing, we ask families to drop off students at the door and only enter the building for scheduled meetings. We remind all UPPER school families that students continue to not be allowed to enter Carney Hospital for any reason.

We also ask students to:

- Thoroughly wash your hands for 20 seconds. (Try singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star slowly.)
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and then wash your hands
- Avoid touching your face

- Do not share food or drinks
- Opt for elbow bumps, rather than handshakes and high fives

You may reach out to our school nurses, Ms. Carius and Ms. Clayton-Brown. We will continue to notify you of school updates or changes via ParentSquare. You may update your information by contacting the school office.

Sincerely,



Nicole Mack, Principal



John Chistolini, Chief Operating Officer