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HANNAH SENESH  
community day school

Dear Senesh Parents,

As you are likely aware, on Tuesday, February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) gave a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and what steps should be taken moving forward. We wanted to share with you some of the steps our school is taking to prevent the spread of illness at Senesh, and our planning for the possible spread of the coronavirus in our community.

As the CDC emphasized, there is not currently a coronavirus pandemic in the United States. A pandemic occurs when a disease is spreading from a variety of sources across a large region, and the number of cases across the U.S. is still small. However, given how quickly the global situation is evolving, we are monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions daily.

At Senesh we have already implemented extra steps to prevent the spread of germs and infection. These steps include:

- Asking all faculty, staff, and students who are feeling ill to stay home until they recover
- Reminding students to wash hands before eating, wash hands before and after use of communal electronics, sneeze and cough into tissues, wash hands and use Purell after blowing nose, discard tissues into the trash immediately after use, and avoid touching your face
- Providing disinfecting wipes, Purell surface and hand sanitizer in every classroom
- Wiping down tables after snacktime
- Continuing to not share food
- Extra cleaning throughout the day and in the evening including sanitizing door handles and cleaning all surfaces thoroughly

If students are sent home sick, the school nurse will follow up with parents as to the nature of their illness. We are counting on parents to partner with us as we will send children home if they exhibit signs of illness including excessive coughing, sneezing, or fever. Please keep your children home until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours.

Our community is prepared to alter our procedures and educational plans should schools need to close for any period of time. We are also thinking ahead regarding upcoming school trips and other activities.

As a school institution we will continue to stay in close contact with the CDC, NY State Department of Health and monitor the situation daily with updates from experts in the field and through consulting with peer schools and professional networks and organizations.

Here are resources you may wish to review:

- [New York City Department of Health information on Coronavirus](#)
- [New York State Department of Health information on Coronavirus](#)
- [CDC Prevention Tools and Resources for Parents](#)

As always, we will continue to communicate with you if we have further news to share. Thank you for partnering with us on this important issue.

Best,

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