



March 3, 2020

Dear Renaissance Community:

I am writing today regarding recent developments about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). While the risk remains low as of this letter, it continues to be an evolving situation and I want to assure the BRCPS community that we continue to take this issue and all others around the health and safety of our students, staff, and families very seriously. We have been and will continue to take the steps necessary to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

BRCPS will continue to review new and emerging information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Mass DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) who are monitoring the situation closely and providing schools, cities and towns with important advisories. As recommended, we have been focused on the flu and other common communicable diseases using the same preventative measures we would use for COVID-19.

It is important to note that local residents are much more likely to become sick with a cold or the flu, and we are asking our community to follow these measures at school and home:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Know that BRCPS custodial staff are following advanced procedures on cleaning and disinfecting our schools using approved products, especially high-touch surfaces
- **And, most importantly, ALL students and staff need to stay home if they are sick and have a fever or any flu-like symptoms.**

As a school district, planning a response *in the event* of transmission of COVID-19 in our community will be done in close collaboration with the Mass DPH and other community agencies, with guidance from our federal and state public health partners. Please use information from official public health agencies as trusted sources of information. We have included links with detailed information from the CDC and MA DPH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandra Buckmire".

Alexandra Buckmire  
Head of School



Below are links to detailed up-to-date COVID-19 information from the CDC and MA DPH:

[coronavirus web page](#)

[CDC in Action: Preparing Communities for Potential Spread of COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 CDC \(Source, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention\)](#)