



The ACADEMY of Classical Christian Studies

Dear Parents,

Your prayers—

A most holy Lenten season to each of you.

Like many schools around the country, The Academy is closely monitoring the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We recognize that there is a risk, and we want the community to know that we take this seriously. My leadership team is in close communication with other Heads of Schools in our city (and elsewhere), and also taking cues from the health department, the state of Oklahoma, and from the CDC. Indeed, I encourage you to read the [CDC's guidance for K-12 schools](#), one of the several resources shaping our thinking.

To begin, allow me to remind of The Academy's policy that "A child who has had fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within the 24-hour period prior to the school day should not be sent to school." As fever is one of the primary symptoms of COVID-19 (coupled with a cough or difficulty breathing), it is especially important that you take seriously the responsibility to keep students at home if they have a fever.

We are working on many facets of planning for various scenarios that could reach our school in the coming weeks or months. As you may have heard, we have already postponed the 8th grade pilgrimage to Italy that was scheduled for this month. Other plans range from an increased commitment to cleaning and hygiene, including the routine disinfection of desks, doorknobs, and light switches, to facilitating the ongoing education of students in the event of a temporary school recess.

The CDC currently recommends everyday actions to help prevent the spread of any respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick and remain home until you have been fever-free for 24 hours.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough or sneeze into the elbow of your arm. If you use a tissue to cough/sneeze into, throw the item away immediately.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. The CDC currently does NOT recommend people wear a face mask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases.

Additionally, we know that families travel regularly, and may have plans to travel over Spring Break. With the well-being of our entire community on our minds, if you will be traveling, please be aware of where you are in relation to COVID-19 hotspots. *If you plan to travel to any country or locale that has a significant level of "community spread" of COVID-19, would you please self-report your plans to your campus principal?* Signs of "community spread" include Level 2 or higher [notifications from the CDC](#), widespread school closures, or other notifications from government authorities. *In discussing with your principal, we can determine together whether or not a self-quarantine is warranted before your family returns to campus.* Our faculty will work remotely with your children to help them remain current in their studies during any quarantine. We will ask any faculty and staff who may be traveling to a designated Level 2 area to self-quarantine as well.

Finally, we desire to act in all things with appropriate wisdom and caution. We will be in touch with additional details, expectations, and plans when appropriate.

With prayers for all who have been impacted by this virus,

Fr. Nathan Carr
Headmaster

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