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Mastery families and staff,

I want to update you on the steps that Mastery is taking to keep your children safe. I am happy to share that at this time, there are no confirmed nor suspected cases of Coronavirus at any Mastery School in Philadelphia or Camden.

What We Are Doing:

- **Deep Cleaning:** Our cleaning vendors are using hospital-strength cleaning agents and will now conduct “deep cleaning” of schools once a week.
- **Student & Staff Education:** This week we will be presenting to students and staff about the COVID-19 threat and reviewing hand washing and other preventative measures.
- **Pandemic Response Plan:** We are developing a plan in the event of a possible outbreak in Phila/Camden and at Mastery. We are coordinating with the local school district, departments of health, and state agencies. It is possible that we will need to close school for a short period of time and we want to be prepared. We are also coordinating with our nursing providers to ensure clear protocols in the event a student or staff member presents with corona virus symptoms.
- **Staff & Student Travel Restrictions:** Staff and students returning from travel to China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea are asked to observe a 14 day quarantine period. We will continue to follow the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations regarding travel restrictions.

What You Can Do

- **The CDC says the best preventative is to practice good hygiene:**
 - Wash hands frequently and effectively (i.e., use soap and water; rub hands under the water for at least 20 seconds) especially after using the bathroom, before and after eating, and after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
 - Keep a safe distance from anyone who may be sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with an elbow or tissue.
 - Clean and disinfect anything you touch frequently (e.g. your keyboard, mouse, phone).

What Happens If My Child Is Sick?

- If your child is not well, please do not send him or her to school and inform your school’s Main Office. If your child is sick for more than three days, particularly with respiratory illness, you should call your doctor and your school’s Main Office to alert us to your child’s condition.
- Children and staff who become sick during the course of the day will be sent home.

This is a scary time. As we always do, we will work together as a community, support each other, and get through it.

Sincerely,

Scott Gordon, CEO Mastery Schools Network