“Do not be afraid. I am with you. 
Don’t tremble with fear, for I am your God. 
I will make you strong, as I protect you with my arm 
and give you victories.”
(Isaiah 41:10)

March 8, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and ICA Cristo Rey Students,

Please read this letter carefully.

An ICA Cristo Rey custodial staff member has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. It has been determined that this staff member did NOT have direct, prolonged contact with either students or staff members. Per the San Francisco Department of Public Health, this situation is considered low-risk due to the factors considered for the spread of the disease. The Health Department considers direct contact, distance (proximity) between the infected person and others, and length (duration) of contact with the infected person. As mentioned above, all these factors were either minimal or non-existent. That said, the Health Department chose to err on the side of caution and recommended that we close ICA Cristo Rey for 14 days. Counting Friday, March 6, 2020 as Day 1, ICA Cristo Rey will remain closed through Thursday, March 19, 2020.

The incubation period for the COVID-19 virus is 2-14 days after exposure. The symptoms to watch for include:
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Should any student or family member develop these symptoms, isolate yourself at home, contact your doctor and explain that you attend (or your child attends) ICA Cristo Rey where an employee tested positive for COVID-19. If you do develop these symptoms, it is important that you avoid social gatherings and contact with older adults and people who have heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetics, and/or compromised immune systems.

You should contact your doctor if you suffer from respiratory problems, are pregnant, or you, yourself, have a compromised immune system.

If you do not have any symptoms, your movement is not restricted.

Again, the Health Department considers the risk to teachers, staff members and students low. There are two key directives. 1) Monitor your health for the symptoms described above (fever, cough, shortness of breath). 2) Follow good hygiene practices. Good hygiene practices include:

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• Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
• Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (immediately dispose of the tissue)
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Sister Diane, ICA Cristo Rey’s President, has hired a company to conduct a deep, thorough cleaning of the buildings. Early in the week, I will be sending home information about how we will continue instruction online. Students will not report to their CWSP jobs; however, some employers may ask students to complete work at home.

During this period (through Thursday, March 19, 2020), all events are cancelled. This includes any meetings, college visits, athletic practices and events, SAT Prep, etc.

Again, more information will be coming. You may find information about the COVID-19 virus at http://www.sfdph.org and http://www.cdc.org. Also, the San Francisco Department of Public Health will be providing additional information.

At this time, students are not permitted in the building. This may change later in the week.

Please email me at gfornerio@icacademy.org

I ask your prayers for our staff member and the staff member’s family. I understand this is a confusing time. Know of my thoughts and prayers for the entire ICA Cristo Rey family.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Fr. George V. Fornero
Principal