

# OXFORD PREPARATORY ACADEMY

March 25, 2020

Dear OPA Families:

Since the beginning of the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), our entire Oxford Preparatory Community has been working diligently to mitigate the impact of this virus. In order to accomplish this, OPA has been balancing its commitment to its core values of transparency and communication with the level of health risks in our community.

## **Update on Oxford Preparatory Academy – South Orange County**

We have been informed by a parent, but have not yet been contacted by the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), that two members of a family who have students attending SOC have tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, there is no confirmation that these students are also infected. However, we are passing along this information to you out of an abundance of caution, as we have been out of school for almost two weeks. If we learn more about this situation or any other information changes, please be assured that we will notify you. We believe it is the right thing to do for our OPA community.

## **OPA School Cleaning and Disinfecting Precautions**

We also want to reassure the OPA community that the health of our students is our utmost priority and that while students are engaged in distance learning, we are taking the proper health care and cleaning precautions to protect students.

Well before our students left for distance learning, our custodial teams had been working diligently to clean and sanitize both the SOC and SV campuses. Rest assured that we will continue this effort to ensure that both sites are clean and properly sanitized for when our students return.

## **Center for Disease Control (CDC) Resources and Guidance**

In reviewing the CDC's *Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Exposures: Geographic Risk and Contacts of Laboratory-confirmed Cases*, dated March 22, 2020, we find the following excerpt:

**Low risk** (assuming no exposures to high risk exposures) includes "Being in the same indoor environment (e.g., a classroom, a hospital waiting room) as a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time but not meeting the definition of close contact".

For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>

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## **Orange County Local Resources and Guidance**

If you need more information or resources on COVID-19, the County of Orange Health Care Agency has created a website with FAQs, child-friendly graphics on social distancing and information on how to help prevent the spread of this virus. The information is available at [www.ocalthinfo.com](http://www.ocalthinfo.com). You can also text **OCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text messages from the Orange County Emergency Operations Center with updates and resources related to COVID-19. The Orange County Forum also has a comprehensive list of available services at [www.ocforum.org/coronavirus](http://www.ocforum.org/coronavirus).

We thank you for your understanding during this unique time. Please know that we stand together with you in our community and in our commitment to safeguard the well-being of all our champions.

Sincerely,

The Oxford Preparatory Academy Administrative Team