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Dear Families of Hyde-Brooklyn,

As you are likely aware, COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a newly discovered virus that has been diagnosed in the United States and other countries around the world. We are actively monitoring the spread of the COVID-1 and keeping you informed as information is provided.

In the event that Department of Health determines that there is a need for investigation, closure, or other action at the school, you will immediately be notified. Per New York State, if there is a confirmed case in a school, the school must be closed for at least 24 hours while Department of Health investigates and determines whether additional closure is needed.

In the event that Hyde-Brooklyn closes, we are working on an instructional plan to support the Elementary and Middle School locations. This plan will include online platforms such as iReady and Google Classroom as well as take home resource packets. Proactively, we ask that all families connect to ClassDojo (Elementary School), ensure access to Google Classroom (Middle School), stay informed by visiting the school website (www.hydebrooklyn.org), and follow up with resource packets that will be sent home. As a precaution, we will provide more details and further information pertaining to each grade level in the days to come.

We ask for your support in reducing the risk to yourself and others by taking the time to identify and report the following symptoms if detected:

Symptoms*

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to avoid illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Preventative actions to help avert the spread of respiratory disease, includes the following:

Prevention*

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

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- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning sprays
- Face masks at this time have not been recommended for school use and instruction. However, facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of this disease to others
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for atleast 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, eating; and blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

As a school, we plan to take additional measures to help reduce the measure of illness within our school. We recommend that hard surfaces are wiped each day with disinfectant cleaner. The custodial team are taking measures to make sure all common areas and doorknobs are disinfected and cleaned atleast twice per week, per NYC DOE mandates.

*Excerpt from www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/about/symptoms.html

Sincerely,

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