March 9, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Spring Break is approaching and typically many staff and families travel within the US and outside the country during this time. With increased reports in the news about the growing number of coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed cases abroad and in the US, it is recommended that you take special precautions. (Currently, there are no COVID-19 cases confirmed in the Austin-Travis County area.)

The DSHS regional office is your local health authority if your city or county is not on the list of local public health organizations listed on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website.

Please be aware of the following countries with Level 3 Travel Health Notices, which are currently experiencing widespread, ongoing transmission of COVID-19:

- China Level 3 Travel Health Notice
- Iran Level 3 Travel Health Notice
- Italy Level 3 Travel Health Notice
- South Korea Level 3 Travel Health Notice

Important Reminder: If you travel to any countries with Level 3 Travel Health Notices, Center for Disease Control (CDC) requires that you stay home for 14 days after you return and take the following steps:

1. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.
2. Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school for this 14-day period. Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
3. Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares during the time you are practicing social distancing.
4. Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.
5. Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet).

For additional health precautions, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html

Please continue to enforce the practices we have previously recommended:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care and,
- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

Sincerely,

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