



## STONEBRIDGE SCHOOL

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Dear StoneBridge Family,

StoneBridge School is closely monitoring the global outbreak of COVID-19, more commonly referred to as "coronavirus." We are aware of how quickly this illness has spread, and the school takes this potential threat very seriously. We are continually working to ensure all members of our StoneBridge family are safe should this illness impact our community.

After considerable deliberation of the administrative staff, we've determined that it is in the best interest of our students and community to cancel the senior trip to Europe this month because of the continued spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Our greatest concern is the health and well-being of our students and staff. An alternative trip is being considered.

Our janitorial team will continue to clean thoroughly using solutions that are known to kill 99.9% of all germs on all surfaces that are in common use, including extra touches on those things that are handled more frequently.

In the meantime, please reiterate to your children the importance of the handwashing instructions listed below. This is the most important step in combating the spread of this virus.

We strongly urge the entire StoneBridge community to follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) COVID-19 prevention measures, such as:

- 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.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Additionally, recognizing the symptoms of COVID-19 is an important step in combating the spread of the illness. If you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recommends you seek medical attention.

**An important factor in preventing the spread of viruses is following our school's policies concerning illness.** We have several students and staff who have underlying health risks and should not be exposed to viruses and/or flu. We ask that parents take extra precautions with sick children to avoid the spread of contagious illnesses.

According to our school policies:

- If a student or employee becomes ill at school with a fever over 100°, they will be sent home quickly. Students will need to be picked up immediately.
- Students/Staff must be fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medications before returning to school.

StoneBridge School administration will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and will proactively update the StoneBridge School community.

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