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Dear WMA Community,

In addition to previous communications, the following is more specific information on two important topics: travel expectations and campus preparedness. Please read them carefully so that you may make informed decisions.

We have also created a page on the website as a resource to help answer any questions you may have, to help keep you informed of WMA's plans during the upcoming Spring vacation and for you to have access to all school communications related to coronavirus.

The page can be found here:

<https://www.wma.us/students/health-wellness/health-services-update>

WMA TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

WMA recommends limiting all unnecessary travel, especially to regions with elevated CDC alert level status and in accordance with CDC warnings. If you do decide to travel, WMA expects that you will follow all precautionary health measures during your travel and monitor your own health condition carefully.

If you visit, or plan to visit, a location with elevated alert status, WMA expects you to inform us of that travel so that we can best support you as the situation develops.

If you visit a CDC Level 2 region, WMA expects that you will be especially careful to follow all precautionary health measures during your travel and monitor your own health condition carefully. WMA also expects that you will notify a health professional immediately if you begin to notice symptoms.

If you visit a CDC Level 3 region, or a region you visit is elevated to Level 3 before you return to campus, WMA expects that you will wait 2 weeks (without showing symptoms) before returning to campus.

If you come into direct contact with any person known to be infected with Coronavirus, anywhere, WMA expects that you will wait 2 weeks without showing symptoms before returning to campus.

If you become symptomatic of respiratory illness (according to CDC definitions) while away from campus, WMA expects that you do not return to campus until you are cleared by a physician.

WMA expects all members of our community to be honest and proactive in their communications with the school about travel and health issues. Misrepresentation of the truth regarding any aspect of travel plans, destinations or following the Academy's directives relative to the Coronavirus outbreak will result in immediate dismissal from WMA. It is important that we help protect one another by being responsible for our own actions and our own circumstances.

WMA CAMPUS PREPAREDNESS

WMA is prepared for a wide variety of possible campus and regional circumstances, including seasonal influenza and other bacterial and viral events. With a significant supply of necessary medical supplies and qualified and dedicated staff, the Academy is well-positioned to care for community members who may become ill.

Any necessary quarantines for seasonal flu or otherwise, in the effort to isolate the illness, will be handled by having day students and local boarding students stay home and distant boarding students stay with regional family members or guardians, if possible. The school does have a plan for on-campus quarantine - should that become necessary - in scalable, comfortable and manageable locations which are isolated from other campus activities.

Since WMA is responsible for the care of other people's children and many of those children come from far away, it is not possible for the school to close when students are in residence. We could, however, under certain circumstances, suspend classes as we do on inclement weather days by prohibiting day students from coming to campus and isolating boarding students on campus. Under these circumstances, if they were prolonged, we would continue to provide an academic program through electronic correspondence.

In addition to these typical preparations, and only necessary under extreme scenarios, WMA has the plans and resources in place to provide food, water, shelter, security and basic health care to the residential community, completely independent of outside resources, for up to three to four weeks, following the CDC's recommendations on preparedness for a major local event. The odds of us ever needing this plan are low, but we are prepared nonetheless.

Spring Vacation for Students Staying on Campus

Details about activities and meal arrangements for students remaining on campus during Spring Vacation will be made available next week. The Deans Office, Activities Office and Dining Services have some fun trips and meal concepts planned!

Thank you all for your continued patience, understanding and support as we continue to monitor this evolving situation.



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