

FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL BRAXTON BRADY

### **Update on Coronavirus and Resulting Protocols**

As we approach spring break and many in our community prepare to travel, I wanted to follow up on my previous message about COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, in last week's *EAGLE View*, and make you aware of some updates and protocol related to this illness, particularly since the first case of coronavirus has been confirmed today in Tennessee.

#### **Travel**

If you plan to travel over spring break, which begins after school this Friday, we strongly urge you to stay updated on the [Centers for Disease Control's guidelines on travel](#), as some countries have instituted restrictions and quarantines that could affect your plans. The situation is constantly changing.

#### **Self-Quarantine After Exposure or Diagnosis**

Please note that the CDC is requiring all travelers arriving in the U.S., from China, even if asymptomatic, to self-quarantine for 14 days. We ask that out of caution, all ECS students, parents, faculty, staff and volunteers who are traveling to [CDC Level 2 or Level 3 areas](#), which were updated yesterday, or whose household members are returning from those areas, not to return to school (including any school activities on or off campus) until a 14-day period has elapsed following their return and to obtain medical clearance before returning to campus.

If you travel to these areas, we ask you to inform the school by contacting your child's campus principal as soon as possible. We also request that you let us know if you have come in close contact with someone who has traveled to those countries or been diagnosed with COVID-19. Should your student require quarantine after travel, we will do our best to provide remote learning.

#### **Planning for Possible School Disruption**

It is our sincere hope that ECS will continue without disruption, but the current situation calls for us to have a contingency plan in place in case our community is affected. Our committee comprised of leadership team members, medical professionals and a representative from a national cleaning and disinfectant company met last week to determine how ECS will proceed if this situation is merited. Teaching and learning will continue for ECS students via online tools as age and grade appropriate. If you do not have internet access at home, please inform your child's principal so that we can make plans accordingly.

Meanwhile, we continue to remain vigilant in our cleaning and disinfecting of public surfaces on both campuses. Hand washing for at least 20 seconds as well as other precautions physicians

recommend for prevention of illnesses such as the flu continue to be the [recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

We continue to monitor the ever-evolving situation. If recommendations change, we will email you and post health-related updates on our website. I have full confidence in our faculty and staff, together with students and families, to meet whatever challenges may arise from this situation.

Please continue to pray for God's protection over our community, and be assured that your child's health and safety are of utmost importance to us at ECS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of our administration.

I am grateful to partner with you.