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## Response to COVID-19

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this email is to communicate to our school families what Foothill has been doing regarding the COVID-19 virus. The health and safety of our school community is our highest priority and we have taken steps to keep our environment as safe as possible.

**First, it is important to know that we have created a task force to stay current** on the impact of the COVID-19 virus, as well as the flu season that is upon us. We will closely monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health officials. We are also reviewing what other schools and organizations are doing.

One of our school parents, Veronica Caballero, is a Public Health Nurse for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She is keeping us posted with updates and recommendations.

Here are some resources that she has provided to us for the latest information:

- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>
- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/RespiratoryHygiene.htm>

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## Foothill's Action Steps

### HYGIENE PRACTICES

For now, health officials advise all persons to practice good hygiene practices. This includes:

**1. If your child is sick, please keep them at home.**

> **FCS ACTION:** Any child with flu like symptoms or a fever, will be sent home immediately.

**2. Wash hands throughout the day with soap and water.**

> **FCS ACTION:** The school has placed hand sanitizer stations at building entrances and every classroom has bottles of Purell-type hand sanitizers as well as soap dispensers with sinks. Teachers will make sure students are washing their hands frequently.

**3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**

> **FCS ACTION:** Every office and classroom have facial tissues available. Effective immediately, the facilities team is cleaning (twice a day) all high traffic areas like door handles, handrails, light switches, dispensers on all campuses. Teachers have been issued cleaning products to wipe down desktops, countertops, iPads, computer equipment, etc. Childcare staff is following these same precautions in their areas including the frequent cleaning of toys and games.

**4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Greet people with words not handshakes.**

> **FCS ACTION:** Let's all commit to this precaution.

### FIELD TRIPS

The school is currently not cancelling field trips. Health officials have advised good health practices, but not necessarily the cancellation of all activities such as field trips and travel in-country.

### TRAVEL ALERTS

Please inform the school if you, or someone in your home, have traveled out of the country. Students who have traveled out of country (or have had a person in their family who has traveled abroad) will have their temperatures taken every day for two weeks before being admitted into the classroom. In some cases, a quarantine may be necessary/required, especially if travel has been made to known "hot spots" for the virus. In these cases, the school will take its lead from the Center for Disease Control.

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The school is also developing response plans in the event that someone in our school community contracts the virus. This includes outsourced professional cleaning services and even the possibility of providing eLearning (distance learning) for individuals or entire classes for extended periods of time.

As the situation continues to evolve, the school will send home periodic messages and updates.

Thank you for doing your part... thank you for praying for our community... thank you for working together as you do every day to ensure Foothill remains a healthy and safe place to for our students, staff and families.

Once again...we're in this together!

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