

Dear Families,

You have likely heard recent news reports about coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which has caused an outbreak of respiratory illness in China, and that there is now a confirmed case in Orange County. The Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) says the risk for school children in Orange County is minimal. While there have been a few isolated cases outside of China, there are currently no reported cases of 2019-nCoV in Long Beach. The general threat of 2019-nCoV remains low across the U.S., however, more cases are expected. There is currently no evidence of person-to-person transmission of 2019-nCoV in the U.S., and all documented cases have reported recent travel to Wuhan.

We would like to use this as an opportunity to remind you about some best practices to avoid spreading any infection:

- If your student is sick or exhibiting contagious symptoms such as fever, cough, or sneezing, **please keep them home from school to avoid spreading illness. Your student must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.**
- Remind your student that they should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose. Dispose of tissue immediately and wash hands.
- Avoid contact with anyone exhibiting cold-like symptoms.

It is very important for anyone who has recently traveled and who has become ill to notify their health care provider of their travel history. Anyone who has recently traveled to Wuhan, China, or has had contact with a person with possible novel coronavirus infection should contact their local health department or health care provider. Additionally, if you are planning to travel to China please refer to the [CDC's Traveler Guidance website](#) and follow appropriate safety precautions.

Again, we are confident in the global health community's assessment of a low risk level, and will be monitoring the situation closely in case that assessment changes. In the meantime, if you have any additional questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to our Administrative team at 562-981-3151.

Sincerely,

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See the attached graphic for tips for reducing your risk of coronavirus infection:



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