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Dear NFA Parent/Guardian,

As more cases of COVID-19 arise in our geographic region, we continue to gather information and combine perspectives to decide what will provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people.

Although NFA has not had a student's family member confirmed to have direct contact with a person with COVID-19, there is much overlap in extracurricular activities with students from peer schools. Several families have kept children home to err on the side of caution, and we appreciate their proactivity.

Let's continue to model good behavior by washing your hands, avoiding shaking hands, and avoiding touching your face.

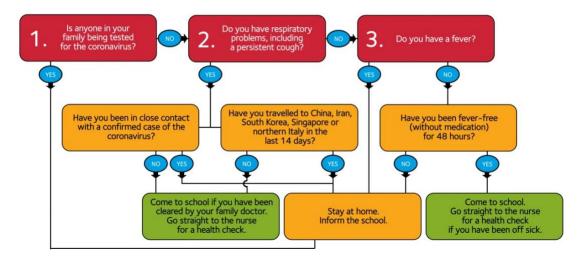
If your child develops symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath please call your doctor prior to going to the office, and then inform the school.

Notify school If you have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or have recently traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of the virus.

Below is a helpful chart if you have a question about whether to send your child to school or not:

Can my child go to school today?

Start with the 3 red questions below...



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At our school-wide staff meeting yesterday afternoon, we discussed screening visitors as they sign into the main offices. Faculty also separated into grade-appropriate groups to discuss remote learning and the ability to accommodate technological limitations, (i.e., tech-free homes or no access to a printer).

We are following the CDC guidelines, and notifying the Philadelphia Department of Health, Division of Disease Control, with any potential exposure to the virus. If you are concerned <u>please inform the school</u>, but also notify your local health department.

If anyone in your family has an autoimmune condition or is immunocompromised, <u>please</u> <u>contact the school nurse</u>. We care about our community as a whole and if there is any way that we can expedite information to particular families at greater risk, we will do so.

Spring Break is approaching, and not only will some of our families be traveling, but family members may be coming home from locations with a higher prevalence of COVID-19. Recommendations are extremely dynamic, but the current CDC guidelines pertaining to travel state as follows:

• If you or anyone in your household has traveled to a Level 3 Health Notice Country (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea), stay home for 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread, ongoing community spread and practice social distancing.

Take these steps to monitor your health and practice social distancing:

- 1. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.
- 2. Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school for this 14-day period. Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
- 3. Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares during the time you are practicing social distancing.
- 4. Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.
- 5. Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet or 2 meters).

If you have a specific concern regarding your family, please <u>reach out to Bridget Bradenham</u>, <u>School Nurse</u>, <u>via email</u> or at 215-247-3811, ext. 230.

Sincerely,

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