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Dear Oasis Charter Schools Families,

Please know ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority for the City of Cape Coral Charter School Authority. As such, we continue to monitor information regarding the new Coronavirus COVID-19. While there are no schools in the Lee District or the State of Florida that have confirmed cases of this illness, we are aware of the concerns of our families.

Our system will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control to prevent any infection of a respiratory virus. We advise parents to practice and go over these recommendations with your child at home:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If an Oasis student or staff member shows respiratory symptoms, our school health staff will follow standard precautions and report suspected or confirmed cases to the Health Services Department of our sponsor, the Lee County School District, who reports daily to the Florida Department of Health; they will further research individual/family travel histories.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students and staff safe. For more information on preventing the spread of respiratory illnesses, please visit your school's website, or the LCSD informational page at this link: <https://www.leeschools.net/COVID-19>. For more in-depth information you may also visit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacquelin Collins".

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# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Information

## WHAT IS THE CORONAVIRUS? (COVID-19)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is one of a family of viruses that can cause symptoms like the common cold and/or flu virus. We currently have no confirmed cases in the state of Florida and the immediate health risk is low according to the Centers for Disease control (CDC), but we are taking precautions.

## WHAT DO SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) LOOK LIKE?

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) can cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath and fever.

## WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILY?

- Family members need to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. (Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can work in a pinch, but they're generally not as effective as soap and water). Hands should be washed before eating, after using the bathroom, and when you come inside from outdoor activities that caused hands to get dirty.
- Teach children not to touch their mouth, eyes or noses unless they just washed their hands.
- Cough and/or sneeze into your elbows and not your hands.
- Distance yourself from anyone coughing or sneezing.
- Encourage Healthy Habits, like eating a healthy diet, exercising, and getting enough sleep.
- Get the Flu vaccine to help prevent the flu, which is more common and can be dangerous.
- Do not send students to school when they are sick.

## WHAT ARE SCHOOLS DOING TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF?

- Daily monitoring of clinic visits and absentee rates
- Teaching students to frequently wash hands and cover their mouth when coughing/ sneezing
- Assessing any students that come to the clinic with cold/flu symptoms
- Calling parents when students exhibit signs and symptoms of a virus
- Cleaning of buildings daily and deep cleaning when necessary
- Advising anyone that is sick to stay home, seek medical treatment, and return once symptoms are cleared
- Staying in close communication with the local and state health department as well as receiving guidance and direction from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)