



# Intergenerational SCHOOLS

A COMMUNITY OF LIFELONG LEARNERS

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Dear School Community,

With information about the spread of coronavirus, or COVID-19, changing every day, we are continuing to monitor the guidance from local and national health officials in an effort to both prevent and prepare. There are now three (3) confirmed cases in Cuyahoga County, another 15 cases under investigation in the state of Ohio, and more tests currently underway.

Guidance from the Governor and other State and local health agencies advises that K-12 schools remain open, but continue to prepare for the potential of closing. Our schools will remain open and we will continue to communicate information as we receive it to our families as the situation continues to evolve. Please update your Emergency Contact information so the school can reach you quickly if needed.

As a precaution, we are cancelling our 8<sup>th</sup> grade out-of-state trips scheduled during spring break, and all of our scheduled intergenerational visits to our community learning partners. We will also be temporarily pausing all in-school learning-partner visits. We believe these temporary safeguards are unfortunate, but necessary to protect the health of our students and our precious volunteers.

In the meantime, we will reiterate that everyone takes proper precautions.:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid crowds and large events.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Symptoms of the novel coronavirus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Complications can include pneumonia in both lungs. The CDC reports symptoms of coronavirus can appear anywhere from two to 14 days after exposure. If you notice symptoms like these, please contact your doctor immediately.

The Ohio Department of Health has also set up a call center at 1-800-4ASKODH to answer any questions. You may also visit <https://www.intergenerationschools.org/covid-19> for the most up-to-date communications from our schools, information, and resources. We will continue to help keep you informed. Please reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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