

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020
Subject: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Parents,

As you all know, we have confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina. With these confirmed cases, we can expect greater anxiety in the state and on school campuses. Listed below are several helpful practices that may help you as you continue to prepare for the possible onset of the virus. **At this time the governor has closed all SC schools until March 31, 2020, and SCISA is mandating all member schools to follow the order.** Teachers will be at the school from 12:00 P.M. -2:00 P.M. tomorrow for parents with children in grades K5-12th who need to come by and pick up text books and supplies. We want all students to be able to continue their school work while they are at home. We will let you know if anything changes. Please continue to keep in mind that the risk from the virus is greatest for individuals 70 years and older, as well as those with preexisting conditions like heart disease, lung ailments and diabetes. Healthy young people may become infected but are not likely to succumb to COVID-19 and may not even show symptoms.

The Medical University of South Carolina also is offering **free virtual COVID-19 screenings and consultations** to anyone in South Carolina experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms. Please continue to be vigilant in all your decisions making related to this issue.

Precautions:

- ☐Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for more than 20 seconds.
- ☐If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that is 60% alcohol or greater.
- ☐Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, and mouth).
- ☐Elbow bump instead of shaking hands
- ☐Maintain an arms-length social distance from others.
- ☐Sneeze or cough into your elbow instead of your hands.
- ☐If you are sick, STAY HOME.

Symptoms: Contact your health care provider if you have any of these symptoms!

- ☐Fever
- ☐Cough
- ☐Shortness of breath

Thank you for your cooperation in this evolving situation.

Ms. Middleton

Principal

