



DCS Family,

We want to provide everyone with an update on the COVID-19 (coronavirus) plan that we will be implementing in the coming days at DCS. Obviously, the health and safety of our students and faculty, and their families, are our priority. We are taking steps to respond appropriately and responsibly to this developing situation.

MAIS is closely monitoring the situation in our region. The situation remains fluid and MAIS guidance/requirements are subject to change in response to new information and recommendations. We will continue to monitor information coming from the Mississippi Department of Health, the Institute of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi High School Activities Association as we develop our plans for the coming weeks and months.

To that end, we will be taking the following steps:

1. All students, faculty, and staff who have traveled over Spring Break to Europe, Asia, and/or traveled on a cruise ship will need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the time they returned to the United States. All absences due to self-quarantine will be excused.
2. All students, faculty, and staff who have traveled to areas of our country that have had confirmed cases of the virus are encouraged to use good judgement when deciding whether or not to self-quarantine. All absences due to self-quarantine will be excused.
3. Spring Break will be extended one day for all students until Tuesday, March 17th. All faculty and staff will report to school for a meeting to discuss our action plan as a school. Specifically, we will determine how to accommodate students that will have to self-quarantine to ensure that the disruption to their academic progress is minimal. Additionally, we will use this time to discuss how we would effectuate distance learning should we have to close school for a period of time.
4. As of now, we fully intend to re-open school on Tuesday, March 17th, as the Mississippi Department of Health has not recommended school closures at this time. However, I encourage everyone to stay tuned to emails for additional updates.

Please know that we are taking this situation very seriously and are working to make good, common-sense decisions in a very fluid situation. We ask that everyone be flexible as our course of action may change as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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