

Dear Linden Waldorf School Community,

I am writing to provide an update on our continued response to COVID-19, share some important practical reminders, and let you know of the status of our educational continuity plan should we face a school closure.

As you may have already heard from your child(ren) today, we introduced the practice at assembly of singing our school's version of the Happy Birthday song during class handwashing breaks. More joyful singing echoing in the halls is definitely an unexpected bonus of this circumstance. We've stepped up handwashing at various points during the day as well as increased the frequency of disinfection and cleaning of surfaces and shared items in the classrooms and other areas of the buildings. All teachers and staff are refraining from handshakes and are modeling safe distancing in an age-appropriate way for students.

**We have launched a new webpage dedicated to coronavirus that can be found [here](#).** This page is linked directly from the home page under the LINDEN UPDATES box at [lindenwaldorf.org](http://lindenwaldorf.org). Please take a moment to review this information now. We will update this page with revised guidelines, updated plans, and decisions from the school as necessary.

**Additionally, we ask that you take the following steps:**

1. **Please update your family's emergency contact information in [FACTS](#), in case we need to contact you with an urgent school message.**
2. **Please be vigilant in monitoring [symptoms of COVID-19](#) in yourself and your child**, which include a fever of 100.4° (or more), cough, and shortness of breath. Please stay home if you or your child are sick and follow CDC guidelines if symptoms appear.
3. **Please begin to develop a plan for childcare if we must close.** You can find resources for households in planning and preparing for COVID-19 [here](#).
4. **The Faculty Leadership Council is reviewing age-appropriate remote learning options**, from e-mailed class materials and assignments to Zoom classrooms. We are participating in several Zoom sessions with AWSNA leadership early next week to share resources and will keep you posted. **We do not want a lack of technological expertise, devices, or access to the internet to be an obstacle to anyone participating in remote learning.** Please begin a conversation with your class teacher so that we may plan together to meet your family's needs.

I'm sure we will be sending out more information soon, as this situation is in constant motion. In the meanwhile, please stay in touch. This has been an intense week for Nashville and our impacted families and faculty members and I would love to hear how you are doing.

In service,



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