

Dear Linden Waldorf School Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Bill Lee just announced Tennessee's first confirmed case of coronavirus in Williamson County. We are following this situation very closely and I will be in touch with you when I have more information to share.

We are launching a coronavirus website for Linden families that should be live tomorrow. I have also reached out to our fellow Waldorf schools about the many upcoming school trips (Medieval Games in Cincinnati 4/2-4/3, the Pentathlon in Atlanta 4/21-4/23) as well as our vendors for the 8th grade trip planned for Boston in May, to clarify criteria for cancellations, refund policies, etc. I will share those details as soon as I know them.

Please continue to monitor guidelines and recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Department of State, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for travel plans and quarantine.

We have already begun internal conversations about how a serious outbreak would affect teaching and learning, student travel, and community gatherings at Linden and we will ramp up those efforts immediately.

I am including the CDC's general recommendations to help prevent the spread of any respiratory virus (like cold or flu and including COVID-19) and ask again that we work together as families and staff members in reinforcing that everyone wash their hands many times each day at school and when they return home; sneeze or cough into a tissue and throw it away or sneeze into their elbows; do not share cups or water bottles; and do not shake hands or use fist bumps.

We will continue to follow the latest CDC and Tennessee Department of Health guidance on the most effective measures for schools. I will keep you posted of any new developments or recommended changes to our protocols as this situation unfolds. In the meantime, I thank you again for your partnership in ensuring the health and safety of all our students and employees.

Sincerely,



Tricia Drake, Head of School

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