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## **PARENT ADVISORY: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

You may have heard about the COVID-19 (also known as “coronavirus”) and its presence here in the Bay Area. We want to assure you that Wah Mei School is closely monitoring the situation. We are keeping up to date with announcements released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the SF Department of Public Health, especially as it relates to childcare centers.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to remind families to take preventative measures. COVID-19 symptoms and prevention methods are similar to that of the common cold and flu.

To help prevent cold and flu:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water
- Do not touch eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing
  - Cough into your elbow, tissue, or sleeve rather than your hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
  - If you are sick, stay at home unless you need to get medical care
- Get a flu shot (recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older)

At this moment, we are not planning to close our centers. We do understand however that circumstances can change quickly.

Our current practice is to follow San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) in determining whether and when to close our sites. SFUSD in turn takes its direction from local, state, and federal authorities, including the CDC.

To learn more about COVID-19 (coronavirus), please see the following resources below:

- [CDPH 2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance for Child Care and Preschool Settings](#)
- [SFUSD Updates Regarding COVID-19](#)

Wah Mei School prioritizes the wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. We are monitoring this situation on a daily basis and will keep you posted on new developments.