

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

PARENT ADVISORY: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As you are aware, COVID-19 (coronavirus) has hit the US and our area. We are taking this matter very seriously and it is our top priority to provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

Wah Mei School is Ensuring a Safe and Clean Environment

We are implementing the following steps to keep our spaces clean and safe:

- Daily deep cleaning and sanitizing measures in all our centers, including table tops, surfaces and floors.
- Making hand sanitizer, tissues, and cleaning wipes available at all centers and classrooms.
- Educating all children about best age-appropriate hygiene practices.

Do Your Part: Steps You Can Take to Stay Healthy

The best way for all of us to reduce the risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, also applies to preventing the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice proper hand sanitizer use: Rub your hands together, covering all surfaces of both hands, including between your fingers and up around your fingertips and nails. Rub hands together for at least 20 seconds to allow your hands to completely absorb the product and the hand sanitizer to completely dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze. Cough into your elbow, tissue, or sleeve rather than your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - If your child or someone in your household is sick, we may inquire about the symptoms and resolution of those symptoms prior to your child's return.
 - If a household member recently travelled to another country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections (Currently: China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Japan, or a cruise ship with known COVID-19 transmission) or had contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection, please closely monitor household member's health and refer to instructions provided by your local and state public health departments. As a courtesy, please notify WMS.
 - Notify WMS of the household circumstance prior to return to program
- Get a flu shot (recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older)
- Try alternatives to shaking hands. A kind greeting and a wave is always nice.

To learn more about the SF Health Department recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19, please see the following resources below:

- [SFDPH FAQ on Recommendations to Reduce the Spread of the Coronavirus - March 6, 2020](#)
- [Updated DPH Recommendations for COVID-19 Press Release from the Office of Mayor London N. Breed - March 6, 2020](#)
- [CDC Frequently Asked Questions and Answers COVID-19](#)

Keep up to date at www.sfdph.org, by calling 311, and by signing up for the City's new alert service for official updates: text COVID19SF to 888-777.

At this moment, we are not planning to close our centers. We do understand however that circumstances are changing quickly and we are following guidance from SFUSD, SFDPH, CDE, and the CDC. We are closely monitoring the situation and we will keep you updated if things change.

It is important to continue to take care of yourself during this time, and we hope to see you healthy at Wah Mei School!