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NOTICE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

Dear Lotus Parents and Guardians,

You have likely heard about the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) through many media sources. Although there are no Colorado cases to date, we wanted to share what we are doing to keep our Lotus School community healthy and reduce the spread of any winter illnesses and flu. Symptoms of the Coronavirus are similar to the flu (fever, cough, & shortness of breath). There is currently an increased stomach virus.

Our Health Staff will be monitoring illness trends daily and encouraging all Students and staff to:

- o Wash hands frequently
- o Cover a cough or sneeze with the inside of the elbow
- o Avoid touching eyes, noses and mouths
- o Stay home when sick
 - until 24 hours after a temperature greater than 100 degrees goes away with out the use of fever reducing medication
- o Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- o Disinfect high-touch surfaces

The APS Health Services Department is monitoring illness trends in the Aurora and surrounding communities while also working closely with the Tri-County Health Department for increased numbers of illness or specific illness cases. We will notify you if we feel there is important information to share.

You can assist us by stating the reason for your students' absence when you call them in for illness. Example: Fever, sore throat, vomiting. If you do not call your student in or state the reason for absent you will be receiving further calls from us. 303-360-0052 Attendance line option or Ext 300.

Please contact your or your child's health care provider for questions about current illness and vaccines.

Please do not hesitate to contact our School Nurse Denise Nelson for further questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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