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Health Update - coronavirus

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Dear [[family_first]],

We want to make visible a potential concern. At the moment, the Coronavirus is not impacting our geographical region significantly, although a recent Oregonian Article indicates that could change in the future.

We wanted to let you know we are watching this issue closely and will keep you informed should it require us to alter class schedules in the upcoming weeks and months in order to keep our families and faculty/staff safe.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to continue with our recommendations regarding sickness in general (see below). And, importantly, please remind your kids (and yourself) to wash hands frequently with soap and warm water, and avoid sharing food and drink. Everyone's small but important choices will keep the community healthier. We have added additional disinfecting of high-touch surfaces like handles on our campuses to keep germs at bay as well.

We want to help our families stay informed about this health threat. Here are some sources of information for your further research:

World Health Organization
Johns Hopkins Corona Virus Global Tracking
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

And, like everything in life, this health threat gives us as homeschooling parents a chance to educate our children. Here's a source for how to talk to your children about the coronavirus. In terms of the social implications, there have been reports from around the world about an increase in anti-Asian discrimination. This resource from Teaching Tolerance will help parents and educators foster constructive dialogue with children: [Speaking Up Against Racism Around the New Coronavirus](#).

As a reminder, here's info related to sickness from the parent handbook, page 41:

Stay Home If You Are Sick

Children, adults, or siblings with communicable illnesses cannot attend classes, activities, field trips, or events or be present at the Village Home campus for the safety and health of other members. Children, adults, or siblings may be asked to leave campus if there is evidence of a communicable disease. The following symptoms are evidence of a communicable disease:

- Fever greater than 99.9 (participants need to be fever-free, without medication, for 24 hours before returning to Village Home);
- Vomiting;
- Stiff neck or headache with fever;
- Jaundice (yellow color to skin or eyes);
- Diarrhea;
- Skin lesions that are "weepy" or pus filled;
- Colored drainage from eyes, nose, ears;
- Difficulty breathing;
- Parasitic infestation (lice, worms, etc.)

Health Alerts

Should there be a significant outbreak or other health concern in the community, we will communicate that to the families via email. For example, we will report an outbreak of chicken pox to the community. If you have a significant communicable disease please let us know. Alerts to the community will not identify families. Please notify us if your family has:

Chicken pox, measles, mumps, whooping cough, lice, or other highly contagious infections beyond common colds and flus.

Thank you for your caring concern about the community and all of our kiddos.

All the best,
Lori and Whitney

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