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Dear Roycemore Families and Students,

In follow up to my recent email regarding the coronavirus, this will confirm that Roycemore has followed and will continue to follow the precautionary and preventative measures recommended by the CDC. Roycemore monitors CDC information on the coronavirus on a daily basis.

Further, Roycemore has not and will not endorse any travel by students to locations outside of the United States where the State Department has issued a level 3 or higher travel advisory due to the coronavirus. We ask that all students who plan to travel outside of the United States inform Roycemore administration where they are planning to travel. In addition, the school will not sign travel documents allowing re-entry to the U.S. for international students who had planned to travel to China during the upcoming spring break, and instead ask them to make alternative plans. We will be meeting with our international students in person to share this new policy with them, to answer questions, and to offer support as we can appreciate that this may be difficult for them and they may be concerned about their families. Our social worker will be available to them to offer support as well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of Roycemore's policy regarding student health and ask for everyone's vigilance to keep our community healthy. Today a student in the Lower School was diagnosed with Influenza B and all Lower School families were notified. It is important that if your child exhibits symptoms of fever, chills, sore throat, coughing, runny nose, sneezing, fatigue, or muscle/body aches, the child be checked by a doctor and not return to school until it is certain that the child is not contagious.

Below is an excerpt from the Roycemore [Student-Parent Handbook](#):

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

In an effort to diminish the large number of illnesses among both the students and faculty resulting from the premature return of children who have been ill from colds and other communicable diseases, we request that your child not return to school until completely well. In the event of any known contagious conditions (i.e., strep throat, chicken pox, lice, etc.), we will notify the parents of students in that grade by way of an email. In the event that your child contracts a contagious disease, we require that parents notify the appropriate division promptly. Students who have the contagious condition will not be allowed to attend school until an appropriate medical professional gives permission to do so and the school accepts that permission.

The following are recommendations to help you determine when and how long to keep your child home with an illness, however we encourage you to always consult a medical professional for any questions.

- *COLD: Symptoms include scratchy throat, runny nose/eyes, fatigue and sneezing. Keep your child at home if they are too tired to function normally at school. Consult their physician if symptoms persist for more than one week, if a fever develops or sputum becomes green or yellow.*
 - *FLU: Sudden onset of fever, chills, sore throat, generalized aching muscles and headache. Cold symptoms are often present. Keep your child at home until the symptoms are gone and they are without a fever (<100.0) for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol/Motrin/Advil.*
 - *STREP THROAT: Fever, sore throat (that may or may not be accompanied by white spots on the tonsils), nausea, swollen glands in the neck. If antibiotics are prescribed following a positive throat culture, your child should remain at home until receiving a full 24 hours of antibiotics and is also fever free for 24 hours. Antibiotics should be taken as directed until the medication is gone. Only then is the strep germ completely gone even though your child may be feeling much better after the first few days of the antibiotic.*
 - *VOMITING AND DIARRHEA: Stomach ache, cramps, nausea, possible fever, Keep your child at home until without symptoms for 24 hours. If your child has vomiting and/or diarrhea during the night, please keep them at home the following day.*
 - *PINK EYE: May affect one or both eyes which may be red, itchy, tearing and have watery or thick drainage and may be sensitive to light. Typically lashes are crusted together upon waking. It may be viral or bacterial. Your child should stay at home until receiving 24 hours of an antibiotic (if prescribed for bacterial infections). If antibiotics are not ordered, student is still contagious and should be at home until there is no drainage.*
 - *FEVER: A fever is a symptom indicating an illness and can present itself before, during or after other symptoms. Please allow your child to remain at home until they have been without a fever (<100.0) for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol/Motrin/Advil.*

We will be reinforcing our education with students about the importance of frequent hand-washing and other guidelines for wellness. In addition, extra hand-sanitizing gel has been ordered and will be distributed throughout the school. Finally, we have consulted with our contract cleaning company and they have informed us that the cleaning products they use in the building are recommended by the CDC.

Thank you for your partnership on behalf of our children,

Adrienne Finley Odell

Head of School

For more information visit the following:

[CDC Information on the Coronavirus](#)

[U.S. State Department Travel Advisory](#)