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Dear Trinity Families,

In Tuesday's Trinity Talk, we updated you on the latest guidance surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19). However, due to some recent press conferences and increased discussion about the virus in the media, I wanted to send a follow up note that includes information from those sources.

On Tuesday, February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) gave a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus and what steps people can take moving forward.

As the CDC emphasized, there is not currently a coronavirus pandemic in the United States. A pandemic occurs when a disease is spreading from a variety of sources across a large region, and the number of cases across the US is still small. However, given how quickly the global situation is evolving, we are monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions daily.

Currently, the most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of infectious disease is to follow basic health best practices like:

- Enforcing great hygiene, like washing hands thoroughly and covering up coughs/sneezes
- Asking all faculty, staff, and students who are feeling ill to stay home until they recover.

In addition:

- We're asking every visitor to both campuses whether they've recently traveled to Mainland China, although we realize that as the virus evolves, this question may become less relevant.
- We are following national discussions about whether and how schools may offer classes remotely in the event of a pandemic, and will of course keep you apprised of those deliberations.
- We are thinking ahead regarding the impact that upcoming school trips and other non-typical school activities will have in the context of the coronavirus. We will communicate any changes affirmatively when the time is appropriate.

It is important to remember that handling the spread of a serious contagion like the coronavirus is primarily a task for public health agencies. Any directives from the World Health Organization, CDC, or local governmental organizations should be followed.

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of this community. Thank you for your support.

Matt
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