



# Bethel Christian Academy

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Parents,

I am sending you information regarding the Novel Coronavirus (newly abbreviated COVID 19). The Novel Coronavirus is a virus which can infect the respiratory tract and spread similarly to cold viruses. Information to date suggests that COVID-19 causes mild-to-moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

The health and safety of our students and staff are a priority for the Bethel Christian Academy School Family. As you may be aware, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that more cases of COVID-19 "are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States." As a result, we would like to communicate some important items to our school community.

**The BCA plan of action during this time has been sent to parents. Updates will be sent every week and if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.**

The Bethel Christian Academy School is working closely with our county health department to monitor the situation closely.

According to the CDC, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat. It is recommended that individuals follow these public health guidelines, not just for COVID-19, but also to prevent the spread of influenza:

- Prevent the spread of germs by covering coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid sick people. If you or a family member becomes ill, **call** a healthcare provider.
- For more information visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FAQ on Coronavirus website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

Please note, that each classroom currently has hand sanitizer dispensers and disinfectant wipes available to all staff for clean desks and hands. As situations evolve, we are prepared to comply with the directions from the State and local health agencies, and we will make adjustments as necessary.

Please maintain distant social contact, remain vigilant and exercise constant cleanliness, and escalated hygiene to do your part in concealing this outbreak.

Sincerely,

*Marilyn L. Jackson*

Dr. Marilyn Jackson

Principal

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**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6**