

Dear Families,

The global outbreak and spread of COVID-19 have become a challenge that must be addressed as it pertains to the safety of our children and the entire community. This virus carries great risk for those with weakened or developing immune systems, especially those who are elderly.

With symptoms exhibiting as fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) can easily be disregarded as a simple cold or flu however the resulting complications can lead to pneumonia, bronchitis and even death.

The COVID-19 situation is rapidly changing and complex, but decisions must be made with the available information and in a timely fashion. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak and corresponding travel advisories issued by many countries, including Canada, there is a very real consideration of potential for children and staff to be quarantined either overseas or upon their return to Canada and the impacts that such a situation would have.

We would like to ensure the safety of families and community. **Please contact us and do not attend Spring Break Camp if your child or anyone in your family is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms**, and please seek support from a professional health care provider promptly.

We have incorporated a few new policies with regards to COVID-19, to prevent and plan for any closure.

Policy #1: Traveling Policy - COVID-19

If you have returned from travels in countries where Canada currently has a travel advisory, please do not attend camp within 14 days of your return to Canada to ensure you and your family have cleared the incubation period without any signs or symptoms.

Please note that staff will send students home if parents still decide to bring their sick child in.

For more information on the coronavirus please consult the following website and/or your healthcare providers: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/ministries/health>

Policy #2: Prevention:

Undoubtedly, you've heard all of this before but here are a few pointers and notes for prevention:

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol) if soap & water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- When you cough or sneeze cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your arm, bent elbow; dispose of the used tissue and wash your hands immediately
- If you are not feeling well, especially if you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention
- **Any sick child will be sent home ASAP, doctor's notes will be required upon return of the child**

What we will do for prevention:

- Instructors will remind children regularly to practice all the above
- Maplewood House will be wiped down daily with disinfectant cleaner

Policy #3: Outbreak & Closure

If the camp is exposed with direct COVID-19 case:

After notifying the health authorities, an email will be sent to families to explain the situation.

Camp may be cancelled, allowing for all families and staff to self-quarantine.

Please call our office at 604-988-6844 if you have any further concerns or questions.

