

Dear Parent/Guardians/Staff

3rd Feb 2020

Subject: Urgent Circular - 2019-nCoV (Coronavirus)

Namaste!

Considering the recent outbreak of Coronavirus that originated in China and with cases being reported from other parts of the world, this is an advisory issued by our School to ensure safety of all students and staff within school premises.

The clinical signs and symptoms associated with coronavirus are mainly fever, with a few affected persons having difficulty in breathing.

The mode of transmission is not fully clear but currently available evidence points to human-to-human transmission occurring between close contacts through respiratory route. We request all staff, parents and guardians to help protect the health of our school community by keeping your children and wards home from school when they are sick, especially in case of any respiratory illness.

In case you or your child or ward has been in contact with anyone travelling from, or transiting through Mainland China, we would request you to immediately seek medical attention in case he or she or you are feeling unwell. Additionally, we would also request all staff, parents and guardians presenting with a fever or any respiratory symptoms to remain off campus until they are fully recovered.

In case of suspected coronavirus, a 14-day complete quarantine is recommended. Some general guidelines to reduce the chances of transmission of coronavirus are provided as below:

- Seek immediate medical attention if you are feeling unwell;
- Avoid consumption of raw and undercooked meats;
- Avoid crowded public places and close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness;
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap and good personal hygiene;
- Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as a cough or runny nose. However, it must be noted that masks do not guarantee prevention of the spread of coronavirus, neither are an alternative to quarantine.

You can find more information on how to protect yourself at the following URLs:

1. United States Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Coronavirus page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
2. World Health Organization page at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

We do hope that the situation will be behind us soon, and no member of our community is affected. While we do not wish to alarm you, it is important that we take all precautionary measures, stay alert and stay blessed with good health.



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