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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We all have seen the rising concern surrounding the novel coronavirus in the news. For weeks, the Health and Safety Task Force from the Archdiocese of New York's Office of the Superintendent of Schools has been in communication with federal, state, and city officials monitoring the situation to ensure the health and safety of our schools and evaluating policies and procedures to keep our students and adults safe. I am reaching out to provide additional information.

You will find an attached letter and *Frequently Asked Questions Guide* from the New York City Department of Health with information about the coronavirus and general flu prevention measures. As this situation evolves and changes, the Task Force will provide further information and guidelines for our Archdiocesan schools.

We encourage all families to practice good hygiene and healthy practices such as washing hands regularly, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, avoiding bringing sick children to school and getting your flu shot to lower the risk of spreading illness.

Effective March 2nd, 2020: For students and school personnel returning from international travel, the following policy for the Archdiocese of New York is in place:

All students and school personnel returning from international travel are required to get written medical clearance from their physician before returning to school. Parents must submit this written medical clearance letter signed and stamped by a licensed physician to the principal.

For additional support regarding UPK, Pre-K for All and 3-K students please contact the Office of Early Childhood at (646)794-2881.

Be assured we will continue to keep you updated in a timely way.

I thank you for your understanding and help in the effort to keep our schools and students safe. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your school.

Thank you,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
Superintendent of Schools
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