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Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) – update no. 2

Dear Parents/Guardians.

As a follow-up to our March 6 communication on the above-mentioned topic, you will find below the latest updates. It is important to mention that, at this time, Health Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for the general population. Nevertheless, we must remain vigilant.

## Travellers returning from Hubei province (in China) and Iran

If you have travelled to these regions in the last 14 days:

- stay home (self-isolate);
- limit your contact with others;
- contact Info-Santé at 811.

## Travellers returning from China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Singapore

If you have travelled to these regions, public health authorities ask that you monitor your health for fever, cough or difficulty breathing for 14 days following your arrival in Canada.

Please note that the affected areas may change as the situation continues to evolve. Please follow the advice from the <u>Government of Québec</u> concerning who should self-isolate.

# Health measures

Proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infections to others.

- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand.

Our schools and centres will allow extra time for students to wash their hands and videos will be presented to educate our students on these measures.

### **Cleaning procedures**

We have ordered additional cleaning and hygiene products for all our buildings. As part of the regular maintenance routine, enhanced cleaning practices are now applied and particular attention is put on high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, handrails, etc.

#### **SWLSB** website

On our <u>website</u>, you will now find a section on the coronavirus (COVID-19), including links to public health agencies.

We will continue working in collaboration with our public health partners and governmental agencies. Our focus remains the safety of students, staff and community. It will take a collective effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and we thank you for your usual collaboration.

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We remain diligent in monitoring the situation and keeping you informed.

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