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Dear Families,

I am writing today to address the growing concerns around Coronavirus across the world. A significant factor to Revere's context is the fact that we had 26 students travel to Italy over the school break, where incidents of the virus have increased significantly in recent days. Our students left Venice on 2/17 which is 9 days ago. The rest of their trip continued south and they departed Italy from Naples. All of their stops after Venice were in regions with very few, if any, cases of Coronavirus. None of our students or staff have shown any symptoms.

Working with the Revere Department of Public Health, we reached out to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) Monday for guidance on readmitting these students to Revere High School. They have advised that we bring these students back to school but asked us to monitor them for symptoms. We are following both points of guidance. We will continue to consult with and follow guidance from the MDPH and the CDC. We will also continue to collaborate with the Revere Department of Public Health, the Mayor's Office, and other public safety officials as any guidance changes.

We understand and share your concern for the health of students across all grade levels and schools. Thankfully, we are also fortunate to have outstanding medical professionals as our school nurses. They are meeting today with Dr. Vadala and Revere's Public Health Nurse, Carol Donovan, to review symptoms, protocols, and share best practices in monitoring the health of all students in general as well as with a focus on Coronavirus and the flu. The Mass Department of Public Health (MDPH) issued the guidance below to schools and health departments yesterday. You may find their information and links helpful.

Sincerely,

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From MDPH

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has shared guidance for school administrators and school health personnel regarding the new coronavirus, known as COVID-19. As of this writing, Massachusetts has one confirmed case of COVID-19 and the risk to our residents remains low. At the same time, the risk for the influenza virus is very high. It is important to note that residents are much more likely to become sick with a cold or the flu than to be exposed to COVID-19. The guidance letter sent to all schools is available at the DPH website at: <https://www.smore.com/b9u7a> .

**Reminders**

For up-to-date information regarding the 2019 novel Coronavirus, please visit the DPH COVID-19 web site at [www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus)

More detailed information and additional guidance is available from the CDC at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

For questions, contact the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at (617) 983-6800.