



Dear St. Mary's Families:

Both the local and national news continue to report additional closures and event cancellations due to concerns about the coronavirus, and I wanted to update you on our progress at St. Mary's as we continue preparations in the event of a school closure.

St. Mary's is Prepared

As you know, St. Mary's has refined Digital Learning Day (DLD) protocols that have served us well when we've had a school closure due to inclement weather. We've now taken those protocols and adapted them for a school closure that could run five or more days. We met as a faculty again today to share the Extended Learning Protocols that fit our community, and the faculty and staff learned additional techniques to extend the classroom in remote, digital circumstances. While there is no substitute for a student's experience with a teacher and peers in the classrooms and in the halls of SMA, we believe that our Extended Digital Learning Protocol will provide the next best experience in extraordinary situations.

Please click the links to review the [Extended Learning Protocol](#) (5 days or longer) and [Digital Learning Days \(DLD\) Protocol](#) (4 days or fewer).

In terms of our physical plant, our custodial crew continues to deep clean and sanitize each night, each classroom is stocked with Clorox Bleach wipes, and we just received an additional 40 bottles of hand sanitizer for classrooms and locations around the building.

Latest Recommendations from the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) continues to recommend that schools close only if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school community and strongly urges schools to consider all alternatives before deciding to close. The OHA also recommends that schools emphasize best practices around hand

washing, maintaining social distance, and requiring anyone in the building exhibiting cold or flu symptoms to stay home.

The most up-to-date clinical guidance can be found on multco.us/covid19. You can also stay on top of the facts by going to multco.us/covid19, [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 FAQ page](#) and information [on testing](#) and the [Center for Disease Control COVID-19 webpage](#) for the latest news and guidance [for people a serious risk of illness](#).

Spring Break Travel

The recommendations for travel are updated frequently and we urge you to consult the [CDC travel page](#) to get the most up-to-date information on whether you should reconsider your Spring Break travel plans.

As always, the health and safety of everyone in our community remains our utmost priority. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We are blessed to have the strength of our St. Mary's community as we navigate this unique and challenging time.

All my best,



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