

LONGLEAF SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) STATEMENT

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Dear parents, guardians, and families,

With rising concerns over the Coronavirus in the United States and North Carolina, I would like to share information about the measures our school is taking in preparation. Longleaf School will follow direction and guidance by the Wake County Human Services Department, the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will also follow advise from the Office of Charter Schools and the NC State Nursing Consultant.

Prevention

Governor Roy Cooper's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Task Force continues to prepare for the possibility of COVID-19 infections occurring in North Carolina and is encouraging businesses, schools, health care providers, communities, and individuals to prepare as well.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina.

State and Local Health officials have assured us that we should maintain our routine cleaning procedures in our school. They have stressed that we should approach the Coronavirus the same as influenza (Flu).

According to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, the following steps to preventing coronavirus transmission are similar to the same steps taken to prevent other respiratory illnesses, like the flu. These include:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, and for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Do not come to school if you are sick or ill.

The actions listed above will also protect people against influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory infections that are common in North Carolina and the U.S. this time of year.

Preparation

The health, safety, and wellbeing of our faculty, staff, students, and families is always our number one concern and priority.

Should a local case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) develop, we will follow the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and Health Department. I am following the situation closely and I am ready to work with state and local health officials to develop comprehensive plans should the situation escalate.

Questions

If you are concerned that you or an immediate family member may have been exposed to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), you should call your medical provider or primary care physician.

If you have further questions or concerns about the Coronavirus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/> or the NCDHHS website at <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/COVID19.html>

If you have questions or concerns, call the COVID-19 Helpline toll free at 1-866-462-3821. To submit questions online, go to www.ncpoisoncontrol.org and select “chat”.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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