

# Science Language & Arts

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Dear SLA families,

Here is some information from the NYC Department of Education (DOE) and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) regarding the recent novel coronavirus originating in China.

We encourage families to continue to use standard cold and flu season precautions. A reminder that if your child is sent home with a fever, they should not attend school the next day. Thank you for contributing to the health of our community!

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Warmly,  
Kate

From NYC Department of Education:

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected in hundreds of people worldwide. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously found in humans. This novel coronavirus can lead to fever, cough and shortness of breath.

There are currently zero diagnoses in New York City, and the risk to New Yorkers is low. The City is monitoring the outbreak closely and working with our agency partners and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Right now, everyone should go about their daily lives, but practice the same precautions you do during cold and flu season: cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when sneezing or coughing; wash your hands with soap and water often; and stay home if you are feeling sick.

If you were recently in China, and have a fever and either a cough or shortness-of-breath, call your healthcare provider.

Per the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) there is no need to cancel field trips.

For more information, visit the [Health Department's website](#).

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