

Science Language & Arts

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Dear families,

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation, and we are working steadily in our efforts to keep our community healthy, to keep you updated, and develop contingency plans for whatever comes next. Here are the usual links for updates on COVID-19:

- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [NYC Department of Health](#)
- [NY State Department of Health](#)

A few updates and things to highlight:

- DOHMH asks that individuals be **fever-free for 72 hours** without the use of fever-reducing medication (regardless of what causes the fever) before returning to school or work. Please keep this in mind when making decisions about whether or not to send children to school.
- SLA is asking staff, teachers, and parents to promote social distancing overall, and within the school building. This means working to maintain a distance of 3-6 feet between individuals, especially with anyone who is coughing or sneezing, as much as possible.
- Hospital-grade disinfectant wipes have been distributed to each classroom, and staff are using them to routinely wipe down high-touch surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, etc. at least twice a day. This is in addition to the daily disinfecting our cleaning crew does each evening.
- Thank you for continuing to wash your hands upon arrival at school! Please continue to remind children (and ourselves) to limit touching their faces and to **cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue that you then discard.**

More resources for talking with children:

- <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>
- <https://parenting.nytimes.com/childrens-health/coronavirus-kids-talk?type=roundup&link=cta>

As always, contact me any time!

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