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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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We are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus (now named COVID-19) situation. As of March 2, County health officials report there are 0 cases of coronavirus in New Jersey. You may be aware that the disease has spread to other countries and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued new travel warnings with increased concern for South Korea, Japan, and Italy. Additional detail about these warnings can be found on the [CDC website](#).

The CDC has also begun spreading in the United States including in Washington State, Rhode Island, Florida, and New York. New Jersey residents should begin preparations now. We are working with county school and health officials to establish protocols for schools in the event that coronavirus does spread in New Jersey. More information will be shared as this plan develops. In the meantime, current information about the coronavirus is available on the [CDC](#) and [GBCS](#) websites.

As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year.

Additionally, the New Jersey State Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.

Greater Brunswick Charter School will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. If you have questions about these topics, please contact our school nurse or administrators. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vanessa Jones'.

Vanessa Jones
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