



Dear SDIRC Families:

(Updated information has been highlighted).

As the global COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak rapidly evolves and expands, the School District of Indian River County is continuing to follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health on the most effective prevention measures.

The CDC has issued extensive travel advisories for areas experiencing wider “community spread” of the virus. As of March 9, 2020, China, South Korea, Italy and Iran are listed at Warning Level 3; Japan is at Alert Level 2; and Hong Kong is at Watch Level 1. Please keep in mind that travel notices are changing almost daily. The US State Department has also urged all US citizens to avoid cruises.

In a typical school year, many families travel during spring break. In light of these world events, we are asking families to consider changing travel plans to any of the affected countries for the remainder of the school year. We strongly recommend that families do not travel to countries at an Alert Level 2 or Warning Level 3. **If you travel by cruise, the CDC is recommending limited interaction with others for 14 days after returning to the United States.**

If you are planning a trip to any Level 3 or Level 2 location, please inform your student’s principal, and provide documentation indicating your travel plans. The following guidance is provided by the CDC if someone in your household is traveling/has traveled to areas with travel advisories due to COVID-19.

Travel Advisory Level	Associated Action
Warning Level 3 (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea)	<u>Do not</u> report to work for 14 days from the return date.
Alert Level 2 and ALL Cruises (Japan)	Travelers should monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning to the United States. If you become symptomatic, immediately self-isolate and contact your CHD or health care provider.
Watch Level 1 (Hong Kong)	You are <u>encouraged</u> to stay home for 14 days from the return date.

Questions regarding absences and make-up assignments should be directed to your student’s principal. In an event of a school closure, a plan is in place to ensure continued instruction.

Following recommendations from CDC, Health Department, and Florida Department of Education, all further school-related out of state travel is CANCELED for the remainder of the school year. Decisions regarding in-state travel will be made as we receive information from the CDC and our Health Department, in the near future. The School Choice Expo on March 14th and SDIRC Teacher Job Fair on March 13th have been CANCELED.

Our District continues to promote a series of precautions to help prevent the spread of all infectious respiratory diseases, including colds and influenza. The flu is a serious illness that can easily spread, so we

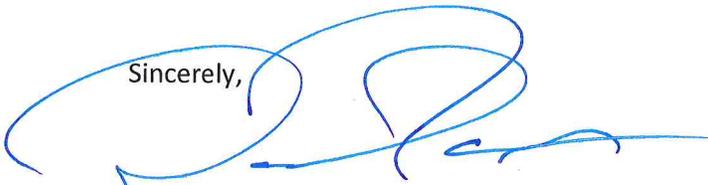
advise students to refrain from reporting to school when they are sick. The following are recommendations provided by the CDC to reduce the spread of respiratory disease:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Avoiding areas with increased risk and following CDC guidance are critical as we work together to implement preventive strategies. I trust we can count on your support to help reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. If you are planning a trip, please check the most current CDC travel health notices by visiting <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together for the health and safety of all.

Sincerely,



David K. Moore
Superintendent of Schools