



March 12, 2020 Letter Regarding the COVID-19 Virus: Fourth Correspondence

Dear Lynnhaven Families,

The Virginia Department of Health has now confirmed 15 presumptive positive cases of COVID-19. The response to this virus has triggered a number of colleges and universities to cancel classes for the foreseeable future. Local school districts are taking preemptive measures to temporarily close their schools to prepare for online learning in the event of closures. The Lynnhaven ERT met this morning to discuss the local and state impact of COVID-19 and reassess our plan of action. I communicated with you yesterday by giving you an update on our threat level. As of this moment, we are still at level Orange. To that end, the ERT made the decision to cancel ALL events and programs until April 14th, which is an amendment from my letter to you yesterday.

We are taking this virus very seriously and believe it's necessary to do our part to minimize the risk of spreading it throughout the community. Additionally, as we embark on what is inevitably going to be the most incredible pandemic health event in a generation, Lynnhaven will close tomorrow Friday, March 13th and Monday, March 16th. The purpose for closure is to allow our faculty to process, plan and to prepare for the potential deployment of long-term online learning via Google Classroom to your student. We plan to resume school on Tuesday, March 17th.

In the event the Governor declares a state of emergency and closes schools across the Commonwealth or if we are at a Level Red, I want our faculty to be well prepared to deliver remote instruction to your student. I want to be clear; the reason we are closing school is only to prepare. Furthermore, if school closes due to a Level Red or an executive action by the Governor, there will be a one-week delay before students will be expected to begin online learning. I have designated Mrs. Hitchcock to be the chief communicator as it relates to this process.

I want everyone to be safe. Please take this virus very seriously. I have attached a few resources for you to review. As always, this letter along with COVID-19 resources are posted on our home page.

Sincerely,

Johnathan Harris, Headmaster