



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Empowering Young Women for Leadership and Service

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Dear Parents,

As you may have seen in recent media reports, health and safety concerns have arisen throughout our country due to the current prevalence of coronavirus in China.

Providing for the health, welfare, and safety of the young people here at the academy is of the utmost importance to us. As such, we have been monitoring developments relative to coronavirus closely.

Since there is no evidence to suggest the presence of coronavirus at the academy, we have implemented the following practices out of an abundance of caution. They are based on guidelines set forth by the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC).

Students returning from China are required to remain home for 14 days following their re-entry to the United States. According to the CDC, the incubation period for coronavirus spans 2 to 14 days. If students returning from China are free of symptoms after 14 days, they may resume attending classes in school but, they will be required to show that they have been examined by a doctor and are able to return to school. Any student exhibiting signs of ill health during the 14-day in home period is required to seek immediate medical attention.

Parents traveling to China for business or family visiting within the next 6 months are asked to notify the school of the dates of arrival to the U.S. and to take a similar precaution regarding the 14-day quarantine with their children who are students at the academy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

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