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Dear BASE Community:

We understand that many families have questions regarding the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact our local community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing daily updates and recommendations, which we are closely monitoring and following: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/index.html

While COVID-19 is a public health concern, the CDC continues to report that the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time. Yet, in today’s connected world, with a large number of families traveling during school vacation weeks, the potential for infectious disease is always a possibility. As with seasonal flu and strep infections, there are general precautions that we should all take to remain as healthy as possible:

- Practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Use Alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. You can also cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick whenever possible.
- Practice other good health habits: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home for their safety and the safety of those around them: temperature greater than 100.4, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, any rash not yet diagnosed by a physician, red or pink itchy eye(s), and/or drainage from the eye(s), and any contagious illness such as chickenpox, strep throat or flu.

Please rest assured that we are sanitizing our clubhouse and educational spaces multiple times per day, and we are encouraging our student-athletes to maintain the healthy habits described above in our facilities and at home. As always, we are following recommended guidelines to ensure the safety of our student-athletes and staff.

The following resources provide helpful and reliable information about COVID-19:


We remain deeply committed to student and staff wellness, and we will continue to share new information, as necessary, about this evolving situation and any potential health concerns. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Monteiro-Merritt at 617.606.7105 or smerritt@thebase.org

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