Southside Christian School

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread and public concerns are increasing, we are seeking to proactively communicate with you about how we are monitoring and preparing for potential impact at Southside Christian School.

As of this communication, we have no reported cases of Coronavirus at SCS nor in the state of South Carolina.

SCS proactively prepares for situations of this nature and has a campus pandemic preparedness and response plan in place that addresses prevention, care, communication, and safety measures as well as the academic and student implications that could arise.

Our safety and security team is continually reviewing this plan and updating it in light of International (WHO), Federal (CDC), State (SCDHEC) and Local (Prisma Health) data available on the virus.

What is SCS doing now to prepare?

- Out of an abundance of caution, several weeks ago we canceled a winter camp for prospective international students. Additionally, we have suspended all official SCS employee travel through any areas with a CDC level 2 travel advisory for Coronavirus until further notice.
- Until further notice (including spring break), if any of our students or their parents personally travel to an area with a CDC level 2 or higher travel advisory related to the Coronavirus, we will require a 14-day self-quarantine period.
- We are monitoring field trip destinations to ensure students are not traveling to or through cities experiencing outbreak.
- We have increased our nurses on duty during the school day as an extra precaution and to take appropriate measures if necessary.
- We have increased the scope and frequency of building cleaning and sanitization.

How will SCS respond if there is a local outbreak?

Based on our pandemic response plan, stepped responses will occur depending on the nature of a local outbreak. Educational responses could include the following:

- SCS will immediately communicate next steps based on our pandemic preparedness plan to all school families.
- Required home quarantine of symptomatic employees or students.
- Remote learning would play a significant role for our students, utilizing our online portal, in the event of a school cancellation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our school nurses, Missy Jenkins, R.N., or Shelly Brown MSN, RN, CPNP, if you have questions or concerns (864-234-7575, Extension 1310).