



Desert Trails Preparatory Academy

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We at Desert Trails Preparatory Academy wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on what we as a school are doing to prepare for the event of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) spreading in our community. It's important to take note that at this time, the risk to the High Desert area residents is low. However, given the possible case of "community transmission", we want to be prepared.

The administration at DTPA is monitoring closely, the developments related to the spread and transmission of the COVID-19 and is following guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), as well as the State of California, and San Bernardino County public health officials. In order to be proactive, DTPA has begun the following measures:

- Providing extra cleaning and sanitizing throughout the school site.
- Educating staff and scholars on preventative measures.
- Regular communication with health department and county office officials.

We would also like to ask that parents/guardians please help us in this cause to keep all of our scholars and staff healthy during this time. The CDC recommends that we all help respond to this public health threat by taking simple, every day precautions.

COVID-19 symptoms are very similar to the flu: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. In some cases, COVID-19 may cause severe respiratory illness. Health agencies say that the risk to the general public to COVID-19 remains low in California, and encourage everyone to use regular health and good hygiene practices including:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds preferably, if not available, then use an alcohol hand sanitizer.
- Refrain from shaking hands when greeting others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose. Quickly throw away used tissues, then wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick – most germs spread when a sick person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- Do not share – food, utensils, beverages, towels, lip balm/lipstick, phones or anything else that might become contaminated with germs.
- **Stay at home while you are sick** – if you have a cold, fever, cough, respiratory and/or flu-like symptoms. Flu-like symptoms include fever (100° F or higher), cough, sneezing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, tiredness, or extreme exhaustion.

We will keep you updated with any changes. Together, we can work to keep our schools and workplaces healthy! For more information, please visit the San Bernardino County Public Health Department at <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/> or (800) 782.4264

