

Dear AAK Families,

As we head into spring break, we want to communicate with our AAK community again about the ongoing health crisis, as we know many of you may be feeling anxious about COVID-19. We have great confidence in our public health agencies and AAK staff as we navigate this unprecedented and rapidly changing situation.

Current circumstances demand that we take steps to be as prepared as possible. Over the next two days, teachers will be sending home learning materials (workbooks, activities, books, logins, etc.) home so students have them IF a closure were to occur following spring break. We are also asking that you fill out this very brief form in regards to your child's access to technology:

<https://forms.gle/eCoymebfNvSrtWdM8>

To be clear: There are no plans for school closures, as of the morning of March 12, 2020. AAK will confer with public health officials before implementing a closure and then communicate that to staff and AAK families. We just want to be prudent and think ahead, knowing this situation is evolving daily.

We also want to share answers to a few frequently asked questions:

- We will continue to follow the State Health Department, Larimer County Health Department, and the Colorado Department of Education's lead on any quarantines, closures, or other health-related measures. If Poudre School District closes schools, we will close AAK as well.
- As stated in [AAK's Response Plan](#), we are preparing for continued education and e-learning in the event of an extended closure.
- We've received questions about how AAK would notify staff and families about a presumptive/positive COVID-19 case with an AAK connection. It is our understanding that the health department would notify us as quickly as possible following a positive COVID-19 test result with a connection to AAK. As of the morning of March 12, AAK has received no such notification from the health department. Also as of that time, there is still only one presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in a Larimer County resident. The health department has stated that the one confirmed case in the county has no connection to any school district.
- AAK has also received questions about spring break travel. AAK cannot control if and where students and staff personally travel. Please know that AAK cannot test or quarantine students or staff for symptoms that appear to be related to COVID-19. Only public health agencies have that authority. The school also cannot control any travel restrictions that other countries or states implement in response to this global outbreak.

For additional information about AAK's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including the comprehensive response plan and FAQs, [please visit the AAK COVID-19 Response web page](#).

Again, we must re-emphasize that there are NO plans for closure following spring break at this time. We are doing everything we can to proactively prepare and respond to this changing situation.

We sincerely appreciate your patience, understanding, and support as we work together to provide our students and community with a safe learning environment during this unprecedented health situation.

Sincerely,

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