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Dear AAK Families-

As you are probably aware, there is an expanding global outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, named COVID-19. COVID-19 is spreading in Colorado and impacting our community. A member of the AAK community who has been in close contact with staff and students within the school has tested positive for COVID-19. This means your child may have been exposed to a positive case of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As a result, your child has been identified by Larimer County Department of Health and Environment as a person with a potential risk of contracting COVID-19, which warrants self-monitoring for symptoms related to COVID-19. Please see the [CDC website](#) for direct guidelines on how to assist your child in monitoring symptoms over the next 14 days.

If the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment determines that you or your child has been in close contact with this person who tested positive for COVID-19, your family will be notified directly by them. If they determine your child has not been in direct contact with this person, you will not hear from them, and will only receive this letter as notification.

Based on recommendations from the CDC, AAK will close for 72 hours to all personnel and families--during which additional deep cleaning will occur.

We encourage you to learn more about COVID-19. The links below will take you to two excellent CDC handouts:

1. [What You Need to Know](#) – provides an overview of COVID-19 and a simple approach to prevent the spread
2. [What To Do If You Are Sick](#) – provides guidance to a sick person who believes they might have contracted the virus

AAK will continue to monitor the current health situation and will continue to update families via email, text and our website as developments unfold. Updates will include information on food distribution schedule and location, additional closures if recommended by the state and county, and e-learning procedures.

It is our obligation as a school community to strictly respect the measures recommended by health authorities for potential exposures, including social distancing and self-quarantine. This is a rapidly-evolving situation and guidance from the health department can change daily. You can stay up to date by visiting the following websites:

- Larimer County Public Health:
<https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus



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- Center for Diseases Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Larimer County Health Department has set-up an information center for questions about COVID-19 for Larimer County residents. Below are the best ways to reach them:

- **Call the Joint Information Center: 970-498-5500**
 - *Open Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm*
- **Text with questions: 970-999-1770**
 - *They will do their best to respond within 4 hours during the day*

Thank you,

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