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Phoenix Christian Family,

As we push through our colder winter months, and as we hear news about the Corona Virus spreading through China, we wanted to take this opportunity to review our policies on contagious illness and share what we are doing as a school to prevent the spread of all communicable illness and keep your students healthy. **The number one way to prevent the spread of any illness is hand washing with soap and water. Please remind your student to wash their hands frequently and use good quality hand washing techniques** . Students should wash their hands as soon as they get home from school, and backpacks and binders should be wiped down with antibacterial wipes weekly. As a school, we are increasing the availability of hand sanitizer in each classroom and will be diligently working to wipe down all surfaces with antibacterial wipes frequently.

If your child is showing symptoms of an illness, please keep them home. **Phoenix Christians policy on fevers states, that a child may not come to school with a fever of 100 degrees or higher and must be fever free without the use of medications for 24 hours before returning to school** . This means if a child is sent home with a fever during the school day, they may not return to school the next day as they would not be fever free for hours. This is not only a Phoenix Christian policy but an Arizona Health Department policy. If your child has severe cough or congestion they must stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. If your child has been placed on antibiotics for an illness, they must be on the antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has a vomiting illness they must remain home until they have gone a full 24 hours without vomiting or diarrhea. Thank you for your help and we look forward to partnering with you to keep your student and our campus healthy.

Partnering with you,

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