



**Phoenix Christian**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

March 5, 2020

Phoenix Christian Family,

The safety of our students is our first priority. As you are aware, there is a heightened awareness related to COVID-19 (the Novel Coronavirus) which we are closely monitoring. **There are no confirmed cases reported at Phoenix Christian or with anyone related to the Phoenix Christian community.** Regardless, Phoenix Christian is determining contingency plans in the unlikely event we are impacted by concerns, any school closures in Maricopa County or other related outcomes. At this time, it does not appear that this will be the case. We will keep you informed. Each of us can help prevent the spread of any virus. [The Maricopa County Department of Public Health released the this linked letter to guide awareness and preparedness](#) . You may also consider staying up to date with the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) . Our school is following the preventative recommendations for schools made by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. This includes taking additional steps to disinfect our campuses. Phoenix Christian will continue to encourage these CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of any respiratory viruses:

- Frequent handwashing with soap for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Do not share cups, straws, or anything else you put into your mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces
- Stay home when sick

Most individuals identified with COVID-19 have mild disease. The likelihood of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) recommending closing schools is very low. In the highly unlikely chance that MCDPH does recommend school closures, it is important for parents to have a plan for childcare. **It is also important to affirm that students and staff should remain at home if they have a fever (considered 100° or more) and should not return to campus until they have been fever-free for 48 hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication).** If you student plans to travel outside the United States prior to May 28, 2020 please inform Mrs. Vandernaalt [cvandernaalt@phoenixchristian.org](mailto:cvandernaalt@phoenixchristian.org) or 602.265.4707 extension 230. A member of our Admin Team will contact you. We are committed to keeping you informed and prepared.

With prayer,

Jeff Blake, MaEd, MaSFL

Superintendent

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEFF BLAKE". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large, sweeping flourish under the "E" in "BLAKE".