

Dear Holy Ghost Families, March 13, 2020

I am sharing information with you about COVID-19 (the Coronavirus). All information is subject to change as best practices and protocols continue to evolve daily. Please continue to give your child(ren) daily reminders about healthy hygiene practices. Be assured that the school is taking measures daily to provide a clean and safe environment for our students.

Patients that have presented symptoms of COVID-19 have had a mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath. Some severe complications lead to pneumonia or multi-organ failure. If your child becomes sick, please keep them home and contact his/her pediatrician. COVID-19 is likely to spread to those who are in close contact through respiratory droplets produced when the infected one coughs or sneezes. Washing hands and keeping hands away from mouth, nose, and eyes is the best preventative measure. The CDC website is the best source for up to date information about health precautions and care - reference this information at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

In the event that there would be school closure...

- Plan ahead for child care. The duration of a school closing is unknown at this point. It has the potential to be a lengthy period of time.
- Holy Ghost will contact families through email and the Remind app.
- Teachers are preparing a "Distance Learning Packet" - being sent home on Monday.
- Students should keep the "Distance Learning Packet" in a safe place at home until needed. Teachers will give specific directions, through email, if/when the time comes.
- Teachers will share instructions through a daily email. Therefore, internet access through a phone or other device is necessary.
- Some teachers may ask the students to use Google classroom in grades 5-8. Students should bring their chromebooks and chargers home each night.
- Students should plan to work on academics daily and during school times.
- Teachers will be available, 8:30 AM-3 PM, to answer questions through email and the Remind app communication.

As you can imagine, we are going through a lot of Clorox wipes and Hand Sanitizer. If you are able to send some in with your child, that would be great. Students are washing hands often... after recess, before snack and lunch, and multiple other times throughout the day.

There is much fear and anxiety as well as a variety of thoughts on this virus and on how our family, school, state, and nation should respond to it. My hope is that one thing we, as a school family, all share is our faith in a loving God, who is merciful and loving.

***“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear.” Psalm 46:1-2***

Please contact your child's teacher or [principal@hgl.school](mailto:principal@hgl.school) with any questions.

In Christ,

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