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Dear Parents,

Over the past few days Hawaii received news that the first few cases of Coronavirus COVID-19 have reached our state. Please be assured that Kama'aina Kids will continue to work closely with Hawaii's Health Department as well as the National Center for Disease Control to keep your child safe.

**NOTE: 2019 Coronavirus symptoms may include a fever, cough, shortness of breath.**

**What is Kama'aina Kids doing to keep children safe?**

We have asked school Directors to stay aware of children who are **absent from school** with extreme symptoms, have **traveled out of the country**, or who may have been **exposed to an existing case of Coronavirus**.

**As is always our daily practice, we continue to:**

- Follow our sick child policy and exclude children who are sick with contagious symptoms from care
- Firmly remind children to wash their hands often and to cover their mouths and noses for coughs and sneezes.
- Diligently keep surfaces and toys clean and sanitized. We follow stringent state guideline recommended protocol for settings such as ours.

**What can parents do?**

- Stay home when sick
- Keep sick kids at home.
- Contact your child's school if your child is experiencing Coronavirus symptoms as confirmed by your health care provider.
- Make arrangements to pick up your child within 1 hour should they become ill while at school.

**The Center for Disease Control (CDC) suggests the following actions to help keep your family healthy.**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - Handwashing with soap and running water is always preferable, however, if soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

This source of this information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>. Please refer to this website frequently for additional information

Kama'aina Kids remains committed to providing a safe environment for children.

Sincerely,

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