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Dear Achievement Prep Community,

At Achievement Prep, we are committed to ensuring the well-being, health, and safety of our scholars and staff. We are working closely with DC Health and other District agencies on emergency preparedness procedures, as well as following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to monitor, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Over the weekend, DC Health confirmed the District's first presumptive positive test result for the coronavirus. While the presence of the coronavirus in the District is understandably concerning, it is not unexpected given the spread of the virus globally and in the United States. There is still no widespread community transmission, and our priority continues to be prevention.

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS!

**Stay home
when sick**



**Cover your
cough or sneeze
with a tissue**



**Dispose of
tissue after use**



**If you don't have a
tissue, cough or
sneeze into your
upper sleeve**



**Wash hands, multiple times
a day, with soap and water
for at least 20 seconds**



**Avoid touching
eyes, nose, and
mouth with
unwashed hands**



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Emergency Planning Procedures

Planning and preparation in DC has been underway for several weeks, including interagency coordination in partnership with DC Health and the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. For Achievement Prep this includes the following actions:

- Ensuring that all school bathrooms are stocked with soap and schools have hand sanitizer, as well as maintaining custodial protocols for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Planning for alternative learning environments to ensure the safety of our scholars, staff, and families, while minimizing disruption to the school year. Specific guidance will be provided to Achievement Prep families describing how they can support scholar engagement and extend learning should school closure be necessary. Resources will be made available for scholars to continue learning through take home materials and/or in an online setting.
- Providing resources to school leaders to stay informed on planning and preparation measures, so information can be relayed to school families.
- Posting all official notices on our social media accounts and sharing information from other government agencies and public health notices.

Achievement Prep Operating Status

At this time, under the guidance of DC Health, there is no change in the operating status of Achievement Prep Public Charter Schools. However, we have increased our routine cleaning schedule to minimize the spread of germs. We will continue to be proactive and employ preventative measures.

Resources for Families

We understand you may have questions about COVID-19 and what it means for you and your child's school. Answers to some of these questions can be found in the [FAQ resource](#) from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education. Please share this information with friends, colleagues, and family. Achievement Prep will also continue to share official information on our Twitter account — @achievementprep — and post information on our website at achievementprep.org/coronavirus.

We also understand children may have questions about COVID-19. National Public Radio (NPR), collaborating with experts in social work and mental health, developed a cartoon explaining what kids might want to know about coronavirus. [You can listen to or read the original NPR story](#) or download a version to print at home.

The symptoms that are currently being seen with COVID-19 are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. To help prevent the spread of germs, you should:

- [Wash hands with soap and water](#) for at least 20 seconds, multiple times a day. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when feeling sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



- Seek medical attention if you have reason to believe you have been exposed to coronavirus or influenza. Call your healthcare provider before visiting a healthcare facility.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to keeping the safety of our scholars, staff, and school communities a priority. If you have any questions, please send them to info@achievementprep.org, and for the latest information from DC Health on COVID-19, visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.

We'll continue to monitor the situation and will send additional/new guidance as needed.

In partnership,

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