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Dear Riverbank Charter School of Excellence Families:

I want to update you on *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's* ongoing preparations regarding COVID-19.

Many families have reached out to us for information regarding the Coronavirus. *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence* has been in communication with both County and State officials for guidance. At this point, there are no changes to any of the school policies.

We ask, as always, that families please follow our attendance procedures. Please make certain that students are symptom-free (i.e. fever, vomiting) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Regarding this, *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence* will exercise the utmost flexibility within our policies to support students and families in making healthy, responsible decisions in the event of possible exposure or the presence of symptoms. Please contact the main office if you need specific information; however, we are not able to excuse or waive absences if parents choose to keep their children home without a presence of symptoms or confirmation of possible exposure by medical professional.

At this time, Riverbank Charter School of Excellence is not canceling local trips, activities, or programs.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) provided guidance that, in the instance that the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) requires the closing of *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence*, will allow for virtual instruction. In response, we are modifying our response protocols to allow for this. We will be asking families for information on technology in the home and preparing to provide instruction for all students as we are able.

For more information from health professionals:

- Review and follow the CDC travel advisory when planning travel. If you or a family member becomes ill after returning home to the United States, call a healthcare provider.
- For more information visit the following websites:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/>  
<http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/290/Health-Department>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time.

Thank you,

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