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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The health and well-being of our students, staff members and community is of utmost importance, thus in light of the world wide concern regarding the Coronavirus and its implications, we would like to provide you with important information as to the processes that are in place in for our school community:

- The ACS Athens Health office operates with two nurses on staff: Ms. Athina Gargali & Mr. Konstantinos Kontos who are well prepared to attend to situations should they arise.
- ACS Athens is in communication with Medical Doctors and Medical Units/ hospitals, when needed.
- ACS Athens communicates with the Health Unit of the US Embassy, as situations dictate.
- ACS Athens is in communication with International School Heads worldwide in regards to shared optimal practice.
- Health prevention processes are in place and communicated to our community when the situation arises.
- Students are urged to judiciously follow the World Health Organization recommendations while attending school. Hand cleaning Alcohol-based Medi-gel bottles are available throughout the school classrooms and offices.
- The cleaning personnel utilizes microbial disinfectants in their regular routines while during the day they sanitize with Dettol common use areas and equipment
- Our safety and security procedures are strictly followed when visitors enter our school.
- Visits to the school from at risk areas are discouraged.
- Our crisis management team meets frequently to process and address any new information received.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), while the topic of the Coronavirus is relatively new and many questions may be unanswered, the symptoms of this infection may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Runny nose
- A general feeling of being unwell

To reduce the risk of the infection, the World Health Organization recommends the following:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;

#### **ACS Athens Mission Statement:**

ACS Athens is a student-centered international school, embracing American educational philosophy, principles and values. Through excellence in teaching and diverse educational experiences, ACS Athens challenges all students to realize their unique potential: academically, intellectually, socially and ethically — to thrive as responsible global citizens.

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- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early; if someone has traveled, share previous travel history with your health care provider; and **report it to the ACS Athens Health Center.**
- When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;
- The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.

Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Feel free to communicate with the Health Office for any questions / concerns.

Sincerely yours,  
Peggy Pelonis, Ed.D.  
President