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Dear Cate Families,

Spring Break is here and the stretch run of the year looms on the other side. In any other year, turning that corner is all the community would be thinking about. But this is not a normal year. Concerns about the continuing spread of the Coronavirus have catalyzed a good deal of planning specifically around the return from Break. Admittedly, some of the context may change over the course of the next two weeks, but we wanted to share with you our expectations now and then update you as or if our plans evolve.

1. When it is time to return to campus, if your child has signs of a respiratory illness such as a fever or cough, please keep them home. A student should remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Please seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g., high fever or difficulty breathing.
2. Over the break, we will likely ask each student to complete a simple survey which can be completed and submitted online updating us about their travel itinerary. This travel history will be helpful should a student become ill after returning to Cate and we need to know of possible exposure during their travels.
3. Upon return to campus we will screen all students and faculty for signs of a fever. This is an easy unobtrusive screening designed to ensure we have baseline information for each member of the community. Should anyone demonstrate signs of a respiratory illness such as a fever or cough, we will isolate them in the Health Center and follow our doctor's orders on the next step.
4. We expect to implement additional preventative measures on campus such as additional handwashing stations, extra cleaning services, potential changes in food service, and of course a full supply of masks, gloves, and other emergency supplies.

We will continue to monitor the situation and suggest reading the Center for Disease Control [website](#) for current news and information. We have also established communication with the Santa Barbara

County Department of Public Health and they are working with us to ensure that our policies and protocols ensure the very best care of our students.

No doubt it is both reassuring and unsettling to learn of these precautions. We would prefer that they be unnecessary. But they are simply preparation for what might be. What will be remains to be seen. All of us at Cate look forward to that more optimistic future and welcoming our students back to the Mesa again in a few weeks.

If there is anything we can do for you in the meantime, please do not hesitate to ask.

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