



The Elisabeth Morrow School

HEALTH UPDATE

Please be assured that the safety and health of your children are our top priorities. We are continuing to monitor the news and follow [CDC prevention guidelines](#).

By now, you may have heard that the first presumed case of COVID-19, also known as novel coronavirus, in Bergen County has been identified. The 32-year-old Fort Lee man is being treated at Hackensack University Medical Center. We are being diligent in our efforts to protect our community and have instituted additional safety measures to protect our faculty, staff, and families, such as the halting of handshaking, moving our Purell dispensers to building entrances, and implementing a 14-day self-quarantine for EMS families and caregivers, both current and new, and faculty and staff, traveling to and from Level 2 and Level 3 countries [as classified by the CDC](#), or hosting guests from these countries.

The Borough of Fort Lee released a statement regarding this case, stating that a task force, led by Fort Lee Mayor Mark J. Sokolich and Bergen County Executive James Tedesco, convened this morning to discuss the next steps and mobilizing resources. They are in contact with the Office of the Governor and will maintain constant communication to discuss appropriate steps and provide information as it becomes available.

We are asking our families to complete [this questionnaire](#) regarding spring break plans by Thursday, March 12, to help us monitor the situation to the best of our ability. As a reminder, we ask that families also **complete [this brief questionnaire about internet connectivity and technology available in your home by tomorrow](#)**.

If you would like the most up-to-date information about coronavirus, please visit the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites or call the New Jersey Department of Health's coronavirus hotline at 1-800-222-1222. All of our communications regarding this health issue, including past emails, are available in the [Wednesday Envelope](#).

Thank you for helping in our continuing efforts to keep our community safe.

If you have any questions and concerns, please email our Health and Safety Team at emshealthandsafetyteam@elisabethmorrow.org.

Sincerely,

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Head of School

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