



The Elisabeth Morrow School

Updates for the EMS Community

March 17, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope all of you are doing as well as can be expected during these difficult and unprecedented times. We are thinking of you and realize many families are under tremendous challenges due to our current realities. Please know that the administrative team is available to answer your questions and to provide you with any support that we can.

I also need to share with you that we have been notified of a Chilton House father who received a positive test result late Saturday. His wife and his son, who is in the 4s, have no symptoms. The child was last in school on Tuesday, March 10, when we closed for spring break. The father was last on campus for Parent-Teacher conferences on Friday, March 6. Chilton House parents who were at Parent-Teacher conferences may have experienced secondary exposure and, as is our practice, are informed of this exposure and reminded to monitor themselves. If there is a concern, please contact your family physician.

We wish him and our Morrow House father, who also tested positive on Saturday, well-wishes and a speedy recovery.

By way of further update, yesterday Gov. Phil Murphy posted a video message announcing that all pre-K through grade 12 schools – public, private and parochial – will close effective Wednesday, March 18, in order to avoid risk in these uncertain times.

Following recommended timelines, we will not have students, faculty, and staff return to The Elisabeth Morrow School following our spring break on March 30. We now expect to resume on-campus classes on Monday, April 20, assuming we receive the go-ahead by health officials and we feel that it is in the best interest of our community.

In preparation for a longer closure, our division heads and technology team have been working on remote learning, which will be both synchronous and asynchronous. Parents will be receiving what online tools their child(ren) will need and how to download them during the spring break. **I just want to assure you that online classes will begin on Monday, March 30;** faculty is well prepared and excited about launching their digital learning programs while maintaining personal relationships with their students. To prepare your student for online learning, I am sharing with you a [link on best practices](#). Please rest assured that we are continuing to be diligent in implementing our deep cleaning protocols at the school.

I will continue to communicate with you new information as we receive it. Please take care of yourselves, stay home as we have all been advised to do, and practice the hygiene practices that we have been advocating in our communications. It is the best way for us all to begin to control the spread of this pandemic.

My very best wishes,

Dr. Maureen Fonseca

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