

# Eagle Wings Academy

*Dare to fly!*

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The health and safety of our students is our top priority. We are writing to update you on the most current recommendations on the Coronavirus, which is officially known as COVID-19.

School Administration and our school nurse are in daily communication with the Licking County Health Department (LCHD) and other health departments within our service area. Those health departments are in daily communication with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Current protocol is general virus prevention measures which we are using daily during flu season especially. The health risk in Ohio remains low; however, this situation is continuing to develop and as updated guidance becomes available, we will share those updates with you immediately. All updates will be posted on the Eagle Wings Academy website as well.

It is important to remember the best way to prevent the spread of any respiratory illness is to follow appropriate hygiene:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice). If not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or a tissue then wash your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick or have a fever until 24 hours after the fever is gone. (A fever is considered 100 degrees or more).

We advise parents to keep your child home if he or she is sick. Students with nausea, vomiting, cough and/or fever, or showing general symptoms of an illness must not return to school until those symptoms are gone and your child is well. If your child develops a fever at school you will be required to have your child picked up as soon as possible. It is important to have a back-up plan if you think transportation might be a problem. If your child is sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing at school and you cannot pick them up, the local EMS will be called and your child will be transported to Licking Memorial Hospital Emergency Department. Since this is likely to incur a significant extra cost to you, we are letting you know now to give you time to arrange alternative transportation in advance. We are happy to work with you to this end. In short, if your child is sick, please keep them at home.

If you have specific questions about the coronavirus, Ohio has opened a hotline you can access to get answers quickly. The number is 1-833-427-5634 (1-833-4ASK- ODH).

We will continue to cooperate with local health departments to make decisions that are best for our students, staff, and service area. Thank you for your cooperation.