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Dear Parents,

As we approach Spring Break, please be very cautious in your travel plans. The World Health Organization has officially declared COVID-19 as a Pandemic. Travel related exposure has been the highest risk for acquiring the Coronavirus within the Houston area. We urge you to err on the side of caution when considering personal travel or travel for business, which might expose you or your family to anyone traveling internationally or from high risk areas.

Currently we have 12 U.S. States that are under a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus. Please beware of travel to these states:

Washington, New York, Kentucky, Maryland, Utah, Oregon, Florida, California, New Jersey, Colorado, Massachusetts, and North Carolina.

Staff and students traveling to countries identified in the CDC's travel warnings **must notify St. Theresa School administration and self-quarantine at home for a period of 14 days, returning only when symptom-free.** This is also the protocol for any staff or students who may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for the Coronavirus. Absences for these students will be marked excused and home study work will be provided. Staff members who self-quarantine will need to follow normal absence-reporting procedures.

Countries with a COVID-19 travel warning Level 2 & 3: Italy, China, South Korea, Iran, Japan, Hong Kong

We **WILL** close school **IF** we become aware that anyone in our school may have been exposed to the Coronavirus. We are being vigilant in our efforts to reduce exposure on campus, please be vigilant in your efforts to avoid personal exposure off campus as well.

School staff is currently working on developing online platforms for virtual learning, as well as developing take-home packets for distance learning for students without internet access.

Be prepared! Prepare for the possibility of changing circumstances which might affect our ability to return to campus after Spring Break. **Students/staff should be sure to take any materials (textbooks, chromebooks, etc) that might be needed to do classwork from home.**

Important links:

[Letter from Principal](#)

[WHO declares COVID-19 a Pandemic](#)

[CDC Pandemic Preparedness](#)

[CDC Travel Health Notices](#)

[Latest Coronavirus Updates](#)

[TEA Guidance on Spring Break Travel](#)

