



Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School

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Dear BDCHS Families,

As we prepare to go on Spring Break, we would like to share some precautions and preparations that are being taken by the school. We have been increasing cleaning of surfaces throughout the school day and additional cleaning by our cleaning crew. We are encouraging hand sanitizing and proper hand washing. If you are able to pick up a few extra hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes for us, we would gladly accept them!

The Spring Break trip to France and Spain has been postponed and the tour company will be communicating to participants about alternative options.

As students and families travel over Spring Break, we are asking parents to self-report if there is any travel to a CDC designated outbreak country such as China, Iran, Japan, Italy, or South Korea so that the student can be quarantined as prescribed by the CDC. Additionally, if a student shows signs or symptoms of illness, we ask that the student stay home. In the event a student is quarantined, the student's absences would be excused. Upon return from quarantine, the student is required to have a doctor's note permitting the student to return to school and there must be a scheduled visit to the clinic for the student to be checked by the school nurse before re-entry back to school. We follow the School District of Hillsborough County Health Services Protocols in the event a student presents with symptoms while at school.

In the event of community-wide school closure, instruction would continue virtually. All students would be directed to use Edsby for course instructions.

In light of the increased spread of COVID-19, the CDC and BDCHS continue to promote everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick*
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

*It is of utmost importance that those who are sick stay home, particularly if they have a fever greater than or equal to 100.5 or a cough. If you have any questions about whether your child should return to school, please refer to the [Contagious Illness Parent Letter](#) found on the BDCHS Family Portal or contact Mrs. Klakring in the school clinic at 813-971-5600, ext. 256.

Thank you for helping us ensure our school community stays healthy!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bennett at kbennett@bdchs.org or Mrs. Klakring at sklakring@bdchs.org.

Be well,

Kristine Bennett, Principal