



Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School

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Dear BDCHS Families

Maintaining the health and wellness of our BDCHS students and families and employees and their families is critically important. We will continue to closely watch and listen to the recommendations of the CDC, the Florida Department of Health, and the Florida Department of Education.

I strongly suggest that you follow the recommendations of the CDC for general prevention, medical care, and travel precautions. The most up-to-date information can be found at

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/

www.floridahealth.gov

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers .

The Florida Department of Health 24 hour hotline is 866-779-6121.

IMPORTANT: Spring Break travel

The State Department of Education just released this guidance on Spring Break travel about who would be required to self-isolate. Self-isolation is required for anyone who travels out of the country or on a cruise. Anyone who travels inside the US does not face mandatory self-isolation, but may have to self-isolate if they become sick.

AFTER SPRING BREAK, starting March 23, a specific procedure to self-report will begin for any student, employee or another person who needs to come to a school and meets any one of these requirements:

- 1 Has traveled out of the country or gone on a cruise within the past 14 days, OR
- 2 Believes they may have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus/COVID-19, OR
- 3 Believes they may have symptoms of coronavirus/COVID-19 (fever, cough or shortness of breath)

Any person who fits any one of those three requirements MUST follow the steps below and complete a "Return to School-BDCHS Report" (which we are working on now):

Visit www.bdchs.org and go to the Family Portal. Find the "Return to School-BDCHS Report" and follow the instructions.

OR

Call or email the school and tell them you need to file a "Return to School-BDCHS Report" and have an employee at the school or worksite complete the "Return to School-BDCHS Report" online form with you, using their computer at the school or worksite while you are on the phone.

Depending on the situation and risk factors, you MAY be directed to contact your doctor or the Florida Department of Health for guidance on when you are able to return to school.

Where can I safely travel?

You should make smart decisions for your family's long-term health. We will follow the recommendations of the Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Under the latest guidance, released this morning, Friday, March 13:

- CURRENTLY, anyone who travels anywhere out of the country or on a cruise MUST self-isolate for 14 days upon return. This means no going to school or work.
- CURRENTLY, there are no special restrictions on travel inside the U.S., HOWEVER, if you get sick with symptoms of coronavirus/COVID-19 or have contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, you MAY be directed to self-isolate by the health department.

This guidance from the Department of Education, Department of Health and CDC could change AT ANY TIME, even during Spring Break, and our school will follow any new requirements. We will communicate through email, text, voice messages, Edsby, and/or our website. As a reminder, we have BDCHS network maintenance on Tuesday, March 17th and this would affect BDCHS email only.

At this time, there is no news of community-wide school closures. Stay tuned and be well!

Thank you,

Kristine Bennett
Principal