



March 13th, 2020

Phoenix Charter Academy Springfield Family,

I am writing to update you on the latest steps Phoenix Charter Academy Springfield is taking to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community. While there are no known cases of COVID-19 in the Phoenix Charter Academy community, out of an abundance of caution Phoenix Charter Academy Springfield **will be closed from March 16th to March 27th.**

This decision is a preventative measure in response to the virus's extensive impact and to ensure the health of our staff, students and their families. The situation surrounding COVID-19 is very fluid, and as such, we will continue to monitor the crisis and reassess our closure timeline as needed. We do not take this decision lightly and understand the impact on families and communities; our goal during this time is to maintain regular communication with all of our students and retain as much consistency as possible.

We will be working diligently to provide you with the most updated information in the following days. As of right now please read the following information:

- Springfield Public Schools will provide grab-and-go meals to Phoenix Charter Academy students Monday through Friday, 11:00am-1:00pm at the following locations: Lincoln, Liberty, Bowles, Commerce, Rebecca Johnson, Kennington, Washington, IOE, Warner, Dorman, Glickman, and Talmadge.
- We will use this time to sanitize our school building for a safe return.
- Healthy hygiene practices continue to be the best prevention against the COVID-19, please see our fact sheet attached for more information.
- If you or your child is tested for COVID-19 and/or you've received a presumptive positive test result please contact Calvin Johnson, Head of School, at 508-468-5351.
- Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, Comcast is offering 2 months free to new Internet Essentials customers in response to recent and anticipated emergency measures associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We appreciate your understanding during these challenging and ever-evolving times. We will be sharing more information in the coming days regarding learning opportunities during this two week period, please be on the lookout for more information. We will be relying on internet access for remote learning so please reach out if you have concerns about this or need assistance.

Best,
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Tips for Fighting Flu & Viruses

As with seasonal flu, strep infections and other viruses, such as COVID-19, there are general precautions we can all take to remain as healthy as possible. Here are the best practices we are asking all Phoenix community members to do and be mindful of:



Wash Your Hands

Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use Alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Bin Your Tissues

Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands with soap and water.



Cover Coughs & Sneezes

When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve.



Avoid Sick People

Avoid close contact with people who are sick whenever possible.



Keep Surfaces Clean

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school.



Avoid Sharing

Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items and wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.



Self-Care at Home

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.



Stay Home if Symptoms

Know the symptoms of the flu and virus and stay at home or contact their physician if necessary.

