



Charleston Day School

February 19, 2020

Dear Charleston Day School Families,

We've had several confirmed cases of influenza or influenza-like illnesses (ILI) in our school community. Given this flu activity, it is important that all students and staff take reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of infection. We would like to remind you and your child of the following:

- 1. Handwashing:** The most effective defense against the spread of germs is hand washing. Using antiseptic soap for at least 20 seconds is best; however, hand sanitizer can be used when there is a time constraint.
- 2. Sick Policy:** We follow DHEC's School Exclusion Criteria for return to school. Students should not return to school until they are fever free for >24 hours without medication, no diarrhea or vomiting in the last 24 hours and are well enough to participate in a full day of classes. Students who present with any flu-like symptoms at school will be sent home as a precautionary measure.
- 3. Flu Vaccination:** It is not too late to receive your flu shot.
- 4. Sick Contacts:** Students exposed to the flu by household family members should be monitored closely for symptoms and remain home if symptoms develop.
- 5. Additional Precautions:**
 - Discouraging students from putting hands near his or her face.
 - Cough or sneeze into the crook of the arm, not in the hands.
 - Keep all surfaces clean especially in shared areas.

We are tracking positive cases of influenza and ILI. Please notify the front desk at frontdesk@charlestday.org if your child tests positive and/or is treated for influenza.

Coronavirus: We are closely monitoring the emerging outbreak of the coronavirus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Independent School Associations. Please inform the front office if you or a household member have recently returned from China.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.