



SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the Sugar Valley Rural Charter School, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and reference our process and communications.

As a school, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

The CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential travel to countries with a level 3 travel advisory at this time.

We encourage our students, staff and families to be mindful of key preventive measures. The CDC offers some [tips on its website](#) that can be useful in avoiding the spread of this and other illnesses.

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

In addition, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be **fever-free** for **24 hours** before returning to school after any illness.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. (570) 725-7822

Sincerely,

Tracie Kennedy, CEO