



# CREAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

**February 28, 2020**

Dear Saints,

May Christ's ever present blessings abound in and through you.

On January 27, 2020, Crean Lutheran High School sent an email out concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19). Since that time, Crean Lutheran has continued to monitor updates related to the coronavirus, working with partner agencies in the process. This week, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) asked individuals, communities, government agencies, businesses, and schools to be prepared for an increase in coronavirus cases. On January 31, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared COVID-19 a public health emergency in the United States. At this time, the [Orange County Health Care Agency](#) has noted that Orange County "...continues to have only one confirmed case of COVID-19, a man in his 50s who has recovered. There is no evidence of person to person transmission occurring here. The risk to the public in Orange County and throughout the United States remains low."

On April 10, 2020, Good Friday, Easter Break will begin. Students will return to school on April 20, 2020. This break provides families with the opportunity to travel abroad, whether vacationing or visiting family and friends. Students who plan to travel abroad over Easter Break may be required to adhere to a quarantine, abstaining from school attendance for the duration of that time period. The current guidelines for travel, as published by the Orange County Health Care Agency, include the following points.

- Travelers to the United States, who have been in China's Hubei province within 14 days, will face a mandatory quarantine and will be monitored by public health officials.
- Travelers to the United States from mainland China will face enhanced screening and a self-quarantine of up to 14 days to ensure they do not pose a health risk.

Students under quarantine, while excused from school attendance, will be required to take classes online. Crean Lutheran is well-equipped to facilitate online coursework in the case of a student being quarantined. In addition to the information above concerning mandatory quarantines, all families should be reminded of the following illness prevention strategies, which are [recommended by the CDC](#).

- 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.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

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- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

This information is precautionary in nature and does not reflect a current large-scale outbreak of the coronavirus. In fact, the CDC has advised that the immediate health risk to the general American public is considered low at this time. We will continue to closely monitor details related to the coronavirus and collaborate with agencies. The health and wellness of our community is of the utmost importance.

As a reminder, if at any time your student exhibits flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, coughing, and/or difficulty breathing), please contact your healthcare provider and follow-up by notifying the front desk at Crean Lutheran High School. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Angelo Marquez at [marquez@creanlutheran.org](mailto:marquez@creanlutheran.org).

In Christ,

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