



# THE KNOX SCHOOL

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Dear School Community:

The health and safety of our students, faculty and surrounding New York community is a top priority for The Knox School. In response to the growing concerns regarding the ongoing coronavirus outbreak and in following guidance from state and federal agencies, The Knox School will be implementing new policies for current students and visiting guests, effective immediately.

Please note, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Travel Notice recommending against all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China, due to the coronavirus. As of today, more than 6,000 cases have been reported in China. The virus has also been detected in smaller numbers in the United States, Canada, Europe, Taiwan, Australia, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Vietnam, and Cambodia. At this time there are only 5 cases in the United States, with no cases being reported in New York.

**New Travel Policies:** Students who choose to travel outside of the United States for school break or otherwise, will be required to provide proof of **15 days** quarantine in order to resume their studies at The Knox School.

<b>Traveling:</b>	<b>Upon Return:</b>
Internationally	15 days quarantine off-campus at the students' own expense
Within the USA	The Knox School will need proof of travel and stay
Remaining on Campus	No action required

If planning to travel, please be sure to check with your airline regarding flight cancellations or restrictions on flying to/from Wuhan, China, and surrounding areas.

**New Campus Visitor Policy:** The Knox School will take the following precautionary measures for all campus visitors:

- All visitors body temperature will be measured using thermal scanning devices.
- All visitors will be required to wear masks at all times.
- All visitors will be required to cleanse their hands with sanitizer.
- Any visitor appearing unwell will not be permitted on campus.
- All overseas visitors must provide documentation that they have been in the USA for 15 days prior to arriving on campus.



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The Knox School would also like to remind our school community about our ongoing guidance and policies concerning student health practices:


- Practice coughing and sneezing etiquette - always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, especially after greetings and before eating.
- Avoid touching your face, especially coming in contact with your eyes, nose or mouth
- Day Students - if you are ill with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea or cough, you are strongly encouraged to stay home and seek medical attention, especially if you have traveled recently.
- Boarding Students - if you are unwell at any time, please seek care and treatment at our Health & Wellness Center.
- The Knox School Physician is on campus frequently and as needed and has the ability to test for the coronavirus and other contagious viral and bacterial infections.
- Any student exhibiting flu or flu-like symptoms will be quarantined in our Health & Wellness Center.


**Spring Break 2020:** The Administrative Team is currently putting programming in place for spring break for students who may not be permitted or do not wish to travel due to flying restrictions. A detailed itinerary and pricing will be available in the next few days.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

For the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus outbreak, visit the CDC page <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

Sincerely,

  
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