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To our Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Since our return to campus, we have had a few occurrences of individual students and/or family members being exposed to COVID through close contact with others who are sick with the illness. Thankfully, to date, no LCA student, faculty, or staff has been diagnosed as COVID-positive. In each instance where close contact occurred, the protocols set in place served to help avoid the spread of COVID at LCA.

We are grateful that in each case the impacted families chose to take actions that provided for the safety of others and minimized any further exposure. We want to thank you as parents and families for this vigilance and ask that this expression of love and concern for each other continues. Without all of us being diligent in our concern and care for each other and erring on the side of caution, the risk of spreading COVID or other infectious illnesses at LCA increases significantly.

## **Self-assessment for Illness and Exposure**

Entering the flu and strep season, in addition to COVID, we want to stress key indicators that should heighten caution in coming to school. LCA will continue to ask health screening questions of anyone coming on campus (student, faculty, staff, or visitors); this serves as a reminder to stop and assess for infectious illness of any kind. From the general list of symptoms, the following are of special concern:

- 1. **Fever** is an indication of infection. (100.0°+)
- 2. **Body aches and/or chills** are both a common sign of COVID or flu.
- 3. **Loss of taste and/or smell** is a distinctive sign of COVID.

A person with any of these specific symptoms or <u>having been in close contact</u> with anyone who has had these symptoms in the previous 2 days should not come to campus.

"Close contact" is defined as being within 6 feet or less for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period. A person should not come to campus if there has been a known exposure to someone that has an infectious illness such as COVID, flu, or strep in the previous 2 days.

## **Contact the School**

Please continue to stay in communication with the school if your student will be out due to illness or possible exposure. LCA Administration and The Hills Church Transition Team will determine how long the student must stay at home depending on the particular circumstances.

We ask that each household continue in the commitment to love our neighbor as ourselves by staying home in any instance of being/feeling ill or being in close contact with someone who is or is displaying symptoms of an infectious illness. We do this out of an abundance of caution with love and concern for one another. It is critical that we are all committed to stay home as a first reaction if we even suspect exposure via close contact to any infectious illness.

Thank you again for your vigilance to help prevent the spread of illness at LCA and your commitment to love one another.

In Christ,

LCA Administration and The Hills Church Transition Team