



Trinitas Christian School

A Classical and Christ-Centered Education

COVID19 Response Plan

As occurrences of COVID19 (Corona virus) increase in the United States, we want you to know that we are staying informed about the spread of the virus, the symptoms, who is at risk, and what schools can do to prepare. [Read More](#)

As of yesterday, March 5, there were four presumptive cases of COVID19 in Florida, three of them more than 400 miles from Pensacola, and a fourth in Santa Rosa County. The Florida Department of Health continues to assure us that in spite of these confirmed cases, “there is still a low risk in Florida.” We are monitoring the situation closely, especially the most recent case in Santa Rosa County for which information has been sparse so far.

At Trinitas, we continue to focus first on stopping the spread of germs because viruses such as influenza and rotavirus can spread quickly in churches, workplaces, and schools. According to the Florida Department of Health:

COVID-19 is spread similarly to the flu, mostly through contact from an infected individual and transmitted by coughing and sneezing. Common symptoms include fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and lower and upper respiratory issues. It is more likely to occur in the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, and most individuals with the virus will have a mild case and will be able to be treated at home.

Because the virus is spread similarly to the flu, taking the same precautions we take with the flu can help stop the spread of COVID19 should that become necessary in our community. Also, it is still cold and flu season, so continuing to educate our students about stopping the spread of germs is important. We are strongly encouraging students to

- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- If unable to wash hands, use hand sanitizer.
- Keep hands out of face; especially, do not touch eyes, nose, or mouth.
- If you have a fever, stay home until you have no fever for 24 hours without medicine.

Again, the risk of contracting COVID19 is low; however, students who have had extended contact with a person who is being tested for COVID19 should let the school and the county health department know immediately. Also, students who have travelled to or had extended contact with a person who has travelled to China, Korea, Japan, Iran, or Italy should let the school and the county health department know immediately.

Trinitas has an emergency plan for serious and infectious diseases. The school also has a specific plan for dealing with COVID19. Currently we are focusing on stopping the spread of germs and regularly monitoring the CDC and Florida Department of Health websites. We will increase communication about COVID19 with staff and parents if the threat increases.