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Dear Parents,

We wanted to provide a brief update on our continued efforts to keep our children and adults here at HCA healthy. We have noticed a drastic decrease in the number of children with severe colds, stomach bugs, and the Flu. However, we are not letting down our guard and are continuing with our disinfecting efforts. As stated in my previous letter, we are sanitizing all surfaces, including toys in the ECC, on a daily basis and are doing deep cleaning efforts once a week. These efforts are in all areas in the school including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, and the cafeteria.

In addition, we are vigilant with our efforts to combat new illnesses, such as the Coronavirus. We are following the Nassau County Board of Health and the CDC guidelines with any student or family that may have visited a region with the virus or may have come in contact with visitors from a region with the virus. Students that fall into that category are required to remain out of school during the incubation period of at least 14 days. Following that, they are required to be checked by a doctor and then cleared by the doctor before coming back to school. We are in constant contact with the Nassau County Board of Health to insure that we have the latest updates and requirements.

The school policy currently reflects the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control for controlling the spread of the flu and other communicable diseases. Please adhere to the guidelines below in an effort to keep all of our children healthy during this season:

- If a student has a fever of 100 or more during the school day, a parent will be required to pick the student up. If a parent is unable to pick up a child, another adult such as an emergency contact, may be authorized to do so.
- **Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.** This is without the aid of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol, Advil, or other cold medications. Therefore, a student who has a temperature of 100 or more in the evening and wakes up with a normal temperature in the morning must not attend school that day.
- Students coming back to school before the 24-hour period **will be** sent back home.
- If your child is still feeling lethargic, has a persistent cough or sore throat without a fever it is still best to keep him/her home until they are fully healthy to take on the entire school day.

As always, the health and wellness of the children are of utmost importance to us. If you have any further questions or concerns please let us know.

Stay Healthy!

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