The Friends of King School District has been coordinating with New Orleans Public Schools, as well as local and state agencies, as we monitor the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff at all Friends of King Schools is our top priority currently.

Our leadership team will continue to monitor information as it becomes available to us. In addition, our leadership team will meet to discuss how to plan for and manage any impacts the COVID-19 may have on our schools and to ensure families are receiving the most accurate information regarding health, safety and education.

The following is information staff, parents, and students should keep in mind.

Protecting yourself from Coronavirus COVID-19 (source: Louisiana Department of Health)

About Coronavirus:
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals, including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people such as has been seen with recent outbreaks of MERS and SARS.

How does Coronavirus COVID-19 spread?
Health experts are still learning the details about how this new coronavirus spreads. Other coronaviruses spread from an infected person to others through:
* Respiratory droplets produced when coughing and sneezing
* Close personal contact.
* Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

We encourage everyone to take precaution and follow these preventive measures to protect staff and students from illnesses such as the cold, flu and the coronavirus:
* Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!
* Wash your hands regularly.
* Clean surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cellphones and other frequently touched areas.
* If you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.

Again, thank you for your usual cooperation. For additional information about Coronavirus, please contact the Coronavirus general information line at 1-855-523-2652.

Sincerely,

Friends of King Schools