



COVID-19 Response

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At WLA we are monitoring the COVID-19 virus and its spread globally. A letter was shared with our school families. That letter can be found later in this update. Any important or urgent communication will continue to be shared through our normal mobile, email, and social media channels. For the most up to date information about the spread of the virus please see the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

As Christians, we may wonder how we are to respond. As always we turn to the Word of God where he reveals his will to us. There he reminds us that our times are in his hands (Psalm 31:15) and so we trust him and his good and gracious will (Psalm 62:8). In his Word he also reminds us that he has placed us into families and communities in order to love and care for those around us (Matthew 22:39). And so as parents, teachers, pastors, doctors, nurses, government employees, friends, neighbors, etc. we will help and serve our neighbors knowing that we are serving Christ who sacrificed himself for us (John 10:15; 1 John 3:16; Matthew 25:40). When we have helped those we are able to help we are also reminded that we will care for our own bodies (Ephesians 5:29; 1 Corinthians 12:21-26). So we will take the necessary precautions and use the appropriate medicines and intelligence that God has provided to guard and take good care of our bodies so that we can live in good health.

In all things we will trust in God's mercy, serve and help as Christ has served us, be smart and take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and others, and trust that God's good and gracious will is done.

God bless you and keep you!

Letter Sent to WLA Student Families

March 11, 2020

Dear Parents,

We pray this message finds you doing well. As you are well aware, the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is dominating the news' headlines as it continues to spread. While this virus is a serious one, and precautions need to be in place, it is also important to consider the facts and ensure they come from reliable resources. News outlets, social media, and other communication forms are sharing all kinds of information and not all of it is accurate. **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local government health departments are the most reliable and accurate sources of information.** We encourage you to look to these sources for your information.

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Winnebago Lutheran Academy is monitoring this serious global situation. We continue to make quality and effective hygiene a top priority throughout our facility. Our staff will continue to be faithful in encouraging our WLA family to maintain a healthy, clean environment.

As you can imagine, there are many thoughts and ideas about what should or should not be done during this time. WLA is prepared to act and respond according to directives and information communicated from the CDC and/or the Fond du Lac County Health Department. We will be in close consultation with national and county health professionals should there be reason to consider the health of our school population. At the same time, we understand your role as parents. We also understand that each child and family has different needs and circumstances that affect how you respond to the situation surrounding the coronavirus. We are taking measures that are in line with the recommendations from the experts. If these local health experts and community leaders ever communicate a need to stop extra-curricular activities, group gatherings, or even school in general, we will be ready and willing to comply. We also will support your decision as a parent in terms of how your family chooses to respond to the situation.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is one of our top priorities. We will continue to monitor the situation and respond in an appropriate manner. We will continue to place our trust and confidence in our all-powerful God who has control over all things, including the coronavirus. We ask for his continued protection over our campus family and all affected by this outbreak.

In Christ,

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