



**THE
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SCHOOL**

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March 10 UPDATE: COVID-19

Dear Mount Vernon Family,

Welcome to The Mount Vernon School's web page dedicated to COVID-19 updates. It will always include a Head of School Update as well as Resources, Latest Information, and MV Communications. See below.

As shared prior to Spring Break, the School developed a planning and preparedness protocol in response to the everchanging COVID-19 developments. The framework of the plan has considered multiple scenarios depending on whether the School is in session or it closes, causing our students and staff to work remotely.

School Resumes. Upon returning to the School on March 16, we will continue to take precautions to mitigate the spread of infection, focusing on three areas: 1) respiratory hygiene; 2) sanitization of facility spaces (which has been taking place before and during break); and 3) monitoring student illness and nature of absences. This was outlined in more detail in the March 4 COVID-19 Update (see MV Communications section below).

To reemphasize, the School will continue to monitor student and staff illness, specifically clinical features established by the Centers for Disease Control (fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness—cough, shortness of breath). Your partnership is critical to this endeavor. If your student exhibits respiratory symptoms, please keep your student (and any siblings) at home until showing signs of improved health and/or cleared by a physician. Share with your respective division any relevant respiratory health concerns. Self-reporting of any absence and illness is paramount to the health and wellness of all within our community.

In addition, we are analyzing the status of visitors beyond our community, learning expeditions, athletic games, and arts events.

School Closes. If Mount Vernon has to close based on a significant number of student and staff absences or deemed necessary by the Georgia Department of Health, the School has designed a developmentally-appropriate Home Learning Plan for each division to ensure continuity of learning while studying remotely.

If the Home Learning Plan is activated, the School will establish a professional learning day prior to activating the plan in order to allow the faculty and staff to appropriately deploy per division. You will be notified with specific instructions. Be sure to note the Resources section below, curating daily and weekly assignments through either Kambu (Preschool) or PowerSchool Learning (K-12).

Finally, many families on both campuses are traveling domestically and internationally during the break. Professionally, many parents have been and will continue to travel abroad. Reporting of travel to the School into high-risk areas identified by the US Department of State is integral to minimizing the spread of the virus within the MV community.

If there are significant adjustments prior to March 16 or after, the School will notify you through this COVID-19 web page.

Sincerely,

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