

Dear Verde Valley School Students and Parents,

As we shared last week, the outbreak of Covid-19 is fluid and requires ongoing attention and flexibility of each of us as we work together to keep our community safe and healthy.

In keeping with Governor Doug Ducey's declaration of a public health emergency for our state, Verde Valley School Administration continues to closely monitor the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and is addressing the outbreak in a proactive and comprehensive manner campus-wide, in coordination with federal, state, and local health and emergency preparedness organizations. Our team offers the following resources to receive up to date information on the [novel coronavirus](#) (COVID-19), including the latest guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) and the [Yavapai County Community Health Services](#).

As we created the plan, we have been in communication with Dr. Jason Wesley, our Medical Advisor. He is helping us develop systems and a process to best protect our community. The plan below gives us time to see what the next few weeks bring without interrupting the learning needs of our students but protects all of our best interests in terms of the health and safety of our community. The emerging plan has been created in consultation with our Board Chair, Richard Greenberg '71.

**We have decided to extend Spring Break until March 30th, at which point, if necessary, all students will begin a remote learning program that will run through at least April 3rd.**

If a student must return to campus they must first have a health screening completed by the Health Center upon return. The campus is closed to visitors and day students until we re-open.

We will continue to monitor and follow the CDC's recommendations and if necessary, or required by state or federal officials, re-evaluate and provide direction for the remainder of the semester.

The VVS Faculty will spend time developing an online curriculum in the event that is necessary. Our goal is to provide the best possible learning environment for the students and remain flexible in our responses, as we continue to consult with federal, state, and local agencies and our medical advisor, as we make decisions around the rapidly changing landscape related to COVID-19.

I appreciate the support and good counsel from many of you. We are committed to our students' success and to ensuring a successful completion of the spring semester. We will provide regular updates via email but please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email or phone.

Sincerely,



**Paul Amadio**  
**Head of School**