

Dear Students, Families, and Board of Trustees,

As you are all well-aware, the Covid-19 situation has been changing daily and we remain vigilant in our pursuit of the most accurate information possible. I will be providing regular updates as we navigate the evolving situation.

Spring Break remains extended through March 29th

As of March 30th, we will begin virtual and online learning. We will send out detailed instructions to students and parents next week to ensure a smooth transition to online learning. The VVS faculty is committed to ensuring that your semester work is meaningful and productive in preparation for the end of the school year, and we are hopeful that this is a short term situation.

At this time, we request that all boarding students who are not currently at home either return to their own homes or to destinations of parent/guardian preference (family member or family friend, etc.).

With new recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), it is essential that all international boarding students find arrangements other than returning to campus on the 22nd.

Anyone who feels the above recommendations are not possible should contact John Kelley immediately at johnk@vvsaz.org. Any student who MUST return to campus before March 30th, will be quarantined for fourteen days in his/her dorm room. Should quarantined students require medical attention, Verde Valley School will likely not be able to accompany them to the hospital and will likely not be able to remain with them during their stay off campus.

As always, please know that our first concern is community health and safety. Our community includes our students, our students' families, and guardians, staff and the wider local community with whom VVS is connected.

VVS 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](#).

Also please know, we are working hard as a team to prepare for all situations and will communicate in a timely manner.

Thank you all for your understanding and support. I would also like to thank all of you for joining together to keep VVS safe and healthy. Brighter days are ahead.

Sincerely,

Paul

Head of School