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Dear Charter Arts Families:

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts (Charter Arts) is committed to the health and safety of our entire school community. Therefore, we are closely following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health updates and recommendations regarding the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

At this time, there have not been any school closure recommendations. However, the CDC has asked schools to implement preventative measures. As part of our school's standard safety protocol, the Charter Arts Safety Committee routinely reviews the CDC's pandemic protocols as part of its Emergency Preparedness training. In addition, the Charter Arts Facilities Department is following all cleaning and sanitizing protocols to minimize the risk of disease in our building. We will continue to follow all updates and will comply with recommendations provided to schools from local, state, or federal health authorities. We ask everyone in our school community to adhere to the following protocol, as recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Health:

- **Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!**
- **Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (must be at least a 60% alcohol formula) if soap and water are not available.**
- **Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.**
- **If your child is sick and running a fever, defined as a temperature greater than or equal to 100 degree Fahrenheit, please keep them out of school until they are fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications.**

We will also continue to update you when more information becomes available. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, it is recommended that you consult with your child's physician. For more information regarding the Coronavirus, please [click here to visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention\(CDC\) website](#). The Pennsylvania Department of Education also has information [posted on its website](#).

Sincerely,

*Diane LaBelle*

Executive Director & CEO

#### Mission Statement

*The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.*