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Dear Charter Arts families,

As a follow-up to our first communication regarding COVID-19 on March 2, 2020, Charter Arts continues to monitor news about the Coronavirus and the recommendations from both the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for schools in the Commonwealth.

To date, our safety committee has reviewed the Charter Arts pandemic plan, which is in alignment with CDC recommendations. Additionally, we have installed hand sanitizers in all classrooms and have encouraged students to use these regularly. Our custodial team continues to sanitize all desks, handles, and water fountains throughout the building daily. Further, in our unique Charter Arts way, 20-second song recommendations to promote proper hand washing hygiene have been posted in the bathrooms.

In addition, the Charter Arts Administration is discussing alternative ways to engage students in instruction should it be deemed necessary to close our school. PDE has shared the PEMA contacts by county, and we are in the process of communicating with these individuals directly.

As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, we will continue to supply updates to our families. It is important to note that there are currently NO reported cases of COVID-19 associated with Charter Arts, and there have been no recommendations for school closure at this time.

As reported in our last communication, we ask that everyone in our school community continue 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.

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 visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](#). [The Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) also has information posted on its website.

Sincerely,

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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.