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Alvin C. York Institute

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Dear Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute Families and Employees,

Given the recent information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus), I want to make you aware that Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute is in close communication with the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) and the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) regarding guidance for our school related to this issue. We are reviewing emergency operations plans to ensure that we are prepared should there be reported cases in our area in the future.

The CDC has stated that the immediate risk of this new virus is currently low. We will, of course, monitor the situation in Tennessee and continue to work closely with TDOE and TDH. In the meantime, we will continue to follow best practices with respect to health and safety. We will be ensuring that classrooms are cleaned frequently and thoroughly as we do during flu season. Ways you can help include the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If no soap and water are available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and then throw it in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Do not eat or drink after someone else.
- Refrain from permitting your cell phone to come into contact with your face, and disinfect your phone frequently.
- Stay home or keep your children home when sick, especially if a fever is present. Before returning to school, students should be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours.

The health and well-being of our students and staff is always a top priority. We appreciate your support of Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute and your cooperation in maintaining a healthy school environment.

Should you have further questions or need more information about the Coronavirus, visit the Tennessee Department of Health's Coronavirus webpage (<https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov.html>) or the Center for Disease Control webpage (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>). The department is continuing to explore the feasibility of e-learning and digital learning options for students should that become necessary. If you have any questions, please contact our school at 931-879-8101.

Sincerely,

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