

THE PARK SCHOOL *of* BALTIMORE

COVID-19 Response — Update — Building Access

Good afternoon.

First and foremost, *thank you* to this remarkable community for the many ways you are adapting to this unprecedented situation that we are experiencing.

As communicated earlier, a member of the school community has exhibited symptoms that may suggest exposure to COVID-19 — and, out of an abundance of caution, we have shut down normal school operations on the eve of spring break. *Should the community member's physician determine that symptoms do not meet the threshold required for testing, or should test results indicate a negative or positive result for COVID-19, we will update the community with any pertinent information.*

Many families have inquired about entering school buildings to retrieve materials — schoolwork, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc. — required for break and beyond. **Park buildings will be open for limited hours tomorrow, Friday, March 13, so that students and parents have the opportunity to pick up those items.** Please note, this will be the one opportunity to enter the buildings prior to reopening school after break. Keep in mind that there is a possibility that we will not be able to return to campus immediately after break.

The main building and the Athletic Center will be open for families to pick up items from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13.

(Kindergarten families — *hello* — Malika and Matt will be in touch regarding the opportunity to get into the Kindergarten building!)

Please enter the main building through the front entrance. Doors will be open and school personnel will be on hand. Please do not use the Lower School entrance (bus circle), Arts Center entrance, or any other access point.

Enter the Athletic Center through the main doors, and there, too, will be personnel should you require any assistance.

Our Facilities team has been systematically, thoroughly cleaning surfaces at school. (*Thank you!!!*)

As we have reminded everyone in previous communications, please continue to practice good hygiene: washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and not touching your face. Many of us are reading about the importance of social distancing to both protect ourselves and to limit the greater spread of the coronavirus. While we do not have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community, we want to

strongly encourage the practice of social distancing. Experts are telling us this is a sound practice (helping to inform our decision today) and we hope that you consider the closure today and the break ahead an opportunity to limit close contact to slow the spread of any viruses.

While we have not asked the community to self-quarantine, please carefully consider your own family's situation — using your best judgment and the best information at hand, particularly as it pertains to higher risk individuals.

We look forward to helping families retrieve the things they need tomorrow, and to providing additional information and support ahead. Despite this being a complex and stressful time, we want to express the sincere hope that you can enjoy a safe and happy break.

Please send questions or concerns to covidresponseteam@parkschool.net. Our response team continues to check this account regularly.