

Email to all families and staff: February 28, 2020



Gray Academy
OF JEWISH EDUCATION

HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Gray Academy Family,

The well-being of our students is our top priority. This includes safeguarding the health of all members of our school community.

As such, we have been following closely the evolving situation with coronavirus, in consultation with our partner schools in Manitoba and across Canada, through the Canadian Independent Schools' network. We are monitoring continuously all medical updates and related communications relevant to schools.

Gray Academy has sound protocols in place, informed by our school health policies and by information provided by the [Provincial Government](#), the [Government of Canada](#) and local health care professionals. This includes requesting that any student who has travelled in or near an affected area since the virus broke out remain at home for a full 14 days and return to

school only if no symptoms are present after these two weeks.

The day-to-day good health of all our students and staff is supported by our partnership with you, our families. It is important for all us to follow and reinforce sound hygiene practices at school and at home to inhibit the spread of illnesses.

These include:

- washing hands often;
- covering a cough or a sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow;
- staying home when feeling ill or with a fever;
- seeking assistance from a physician, as needed.

As a general reminder, students with flu-like symptoms should be kept at home. Depending on the nature and severity of illness, please take medical advice and only return your child to school when he/she is fit to do so. If a student becomes ill at school, our protocol is to advise parents immediately by phone and to take appropriate steps to ensure the well-being of the child and the school community.

Currently, the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with coronavirus as "low" nationwide. We are continuing to monitor government communications regarding the virus and will provide updates, as needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Please feel free to contact me or your principal, should you have any questions.

Shabbat shalom,

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