

Dear Overlake Community,

I wanted to share another update regarding COVID-19, the coronavirus that is in our region and the steps we are taking in response to the outbreak. As planned, members of our risk management team, along with members of our faculty and staff, met this morning. The overarching theme of the meeting was to trust in our public health officials, who are trained and educated experts in their field, and their guidance that they will continue to provide during this outbreak.

Today we also had several different conversations with various public health officials, including from the Washington Department of Health, as well as our local health jurisdiction leadership. In each of those conversations they assured us that they would continue to provide us direction if and when to close school as a public health concern. They shared a phone number for anyone in our community to call if they have questions or if someone is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. That number is **206-296-4774**.

Additional preventative measures we have taken at school, along with our nightly deep cleaning of high-traffic areas, are to sanitize and clean our buses twice each day. In the cafeteria, self-serve items, such as the breakfast bar, salad bar, and soup section are no longer self-serve, but rather pre-packaged food items.

We continue to plan our curriculum should we need to take our learning online for an extended period of time. This Friday morning faculty will meet to focus on various tools to use in conjunction with Canvas, our established online learning platform, to create a reliable online learning environment for all our students.

In uncertain, ever-changing situations like these, I find various resources from reputable health care organizations beneficial. [Here is a side-by-side comparison of symptoms, transmission, treatment, and prevention for COVID-19 and the Flu from Johns Hopkins Medicine.](#)

As always, please reach out to me with additional questions or concerns. I will be back in touch in the coming days.

Warmly,

Matt