



**CHALLENGER**<sup>®</sup>  
S C H O O L

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Dear Parents and Employees of Challenger School,

Challenger School respects the fact that, as parents, you are solely responsible for your children's education and well-being. If you wish to keep your children at home, feel free to do so. In the meantime, all healthy Challenger employees will continue to do their best to educate the children that come to school in an environment that is as clean and safe as possible.

Our goal is to be proactive in our prevention initiatives and reasonable with our reactive measures. As a result, Challenger does not intend to close school for extended periods of time. **If** we are informed of a confirmed exposure to the coronavirus we will conduct a thorough cleaning and disinfection before we resume operations. We will spray and wipe surfaces and fog the campus with electrostatic sprayers charged with chemicals that are effective against COVID-19. This practice has been proven to disinfect and slow the progression of the virus. We are prepared to complete this task on a daily basis.

In the event the facts require us to close the school on a longer term basis, we will do so in cooperation with the appropriate guidance from health authorities. However, at this time, none of the state health officials in the cities where we operate have recommended that we close a campus ([CA](#), [UT](#)).

Also, we will not conduct online classes because it is not possible to teach preschool and elementary students to focus and concentrate for extended periods of time without the abilities to perceive if the students are applying the concepts independently and correctly. Offering online classes would imply that we are able to properly deliver Challenger's product in that manner, and that is not the case.

Going forward, we must all do our part to reduce and prevent exposure. Children, parents, and employees with fevers and other signs and symptoms of the coronavirus are not permitted on campus, so please take a temperature before coming to school and stay home/keep children home if sick. Consider contacting your physician if you or your child has a cough, shortness of breath, or a prominent fever or has come in contact with someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus.

I assure you that our maintenance staff, campus employees, and cleaning vendors have enhanced our already high standard of cleaning practices by increasing the frequency and intensity of cleaning and disinfecting, especially in high-touch areas.

Keep in mind that people learn from each other. When we see others hoard supplies and see empty shelves in supermarkets, we tend to panic. That is seldom the correct course of action. The unknown can be unnerving. Reassurance can be found by educating yourself on the facts. I invite you to review information provided by credible sources such as your local health departments and the CDC at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html). Once you become more knowledgeable, it's important that you help others gain the proper perspective and calm any irrational fears.

As always, we continue to monitor all local, state, and federal updates on this matter, and we will provide additional information/instructions as conditions change. If you have concerns, please contact your school administrators directly. Know we are working to secure the best interests of our students, employees, and families.

Sincerely,

Hugh Gourgeon  
CEO