



March 11, 2020

Dear GOAL Academy High School Students, Parents and Guardians,

The safety, health and well-being of our students and staff is always our top priority at GOAL. The current situation with the global outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) requires attention, planning and the implementation of specific prevention and mitigation strategies. As this situation progresses through the spring, I will update you on the steps the school is taking to protect the health of our students, staff and community.

Currently, the School Health and Well-being Response Committee, which includes members of our Health Services Staff along with Statewide and Regional Leadership Teams, is meeting regularly. Throughout our planning, we will follow the guidance of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

To date, GOAL Academy will implement the following preventative measures:

- Approved hand sanitizer has been provided to all GOAL facilities. Dispensers have been placed at main entrances of all sites with signage reminding students, staff and visitors of the best ways to protect themselves and others:
 - o Wash hands regularly
 - o Use hand sanitizer
 - o Avoid handshakes
 - o Cover coughs and sneezes
 - o Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
 - o Stay home when sick
- We will continue to stock hand sanitizer, soap, gloves and other necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies and equipment, as supplies are available.
- We have launched a handwashing campaign to educate students on the importance of handwashing to prevent the spread of coronavirus and many other illnesses.
- Throughout the weeks, we are encouraging site staff to assist in cleaning “high touch” areas as supplies permit.
- As a reminder it is a student’s choice to visit or work at a site. We are encouraging students and families to make the best decision for themselves. As always students are encouraged to use the tools they have through TEAMs, email and phone conversations to work with teachers and coaches.

If you are sick, stay home:

- It is critical to stay home if you are sick.
- To support accurate tracking and subsequent planning for sites, it is helpful if students and families would share if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

This [parent resource from the National Association of School Psychologists](#) may be helpful for talking to your student about coronavirus, if they have questions.



We will continue to communicate with you regularly as this situation evolves. We will also post important COVID-19 information as it pertains to GOAL Academy statewide locations on the School Website (www.goalac.org) as new information becomes available.

Please know that we take this situation very seriously and we are doing everything in our power to ensure the health and wellbeing of all students, staff and families in our communities.

Sincerely,

Constance Jones

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