



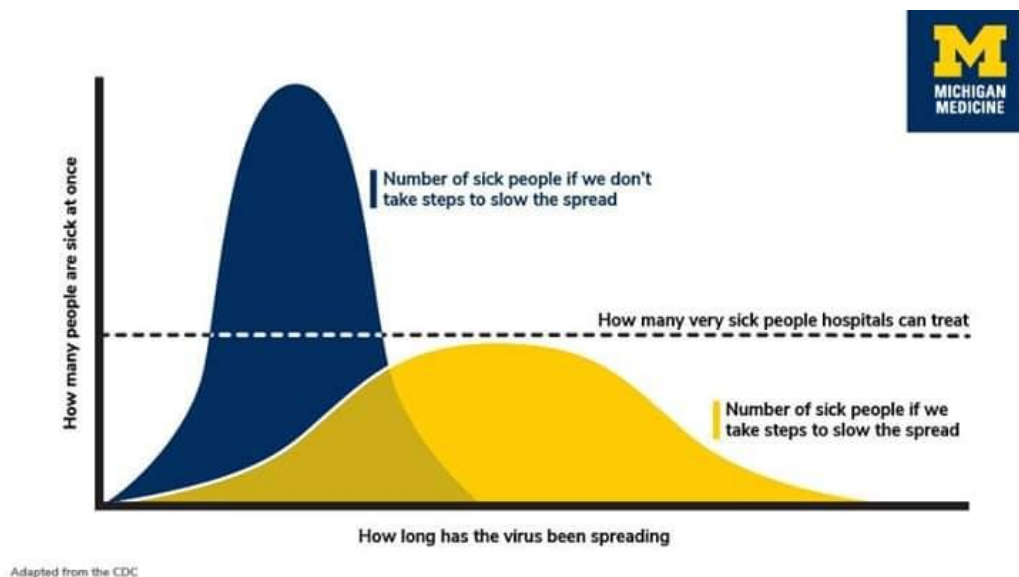
Parkway Christian School

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Dear
Parkway Community,

As you know, there are now two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. With that news, all Michigan public universities have opted to move to online learning for a specific amount of time or for the remainder of the semester. Currently, Parkway will not be closing unless directed by the Macomb County Health Department. Above all, we care deeply about the health and safety of our community. However, we understand that closure of a PreK through 12th grade school poses significant hardship on the community and may or may not be effective in lessening the risk of infection.



The above infographic shows the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19. While it is less deadly than influenza, its rapid spread in other parts of the world have overwhelmed the health systems in place to treat it. If everyone is able to take the needed precautions to slow the spread, including proper handwashing and social distancing, our health systems will be able to address those in need consistently and successfully.

Attached, you will find a copy of our response plan. Effective 3pm today, we are at a level 2 - Moderate Risk.

Precautions

This reiterates the importance of taking appropriate steps to keep our students and community healthy. The following are just some of the steps we are taking:

- Encourage proper handwashing
 - A handwashing video was shown during an elementary assembly

- Elementary students will be performing an [experiment](#) to reiterate the importance of handwashing
- Encourage good hygiene
 - Hand sanitizer will be taken on all future field trips, effective immediately
 - Nose blowing stations are available for all elementary classrooms
- 4th grade field trip to the zoo has been canceled at this time
- Staff meeting after school today to discuss alternative learning options should school close
- **No school for students on Friday, March 13th**
 - All staff to report for training and planning

We care about the health and wellbeing of our students, families and staff and desire to make wise preparations to ensure everyone's safety. Included in our proactive stance, please take note of the following:

- Students/families who travel internationally to level 3 or 4 countries will not be able to return to the building for the 2019-2020 school year
- Students/families who plan to take a cruise during break would be strongly encouraged to voluntarily quarantine for 14 days following the last day of your travel
 - Accommodations would be made to ensure your student is able to continue their education
 - Please notify the school if your family is planning a cruise so that we can have work prepared
- Students or staff who are in any way ill, should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours, per our normal school policy
- Parents may wish to keep their student(s) who are immunocompromised at home
 - If you choose to do so, please notify Parkway and our staff will provide the needed educational resources for your student
- Should Parkway need to close for an extended period of time, we are prepared to ensure continuity of learning through the use of email, Google Classroom and our website
 - To that end, it is imperative that parents take a moment to complete the survey below to let us know if your student has access to the internet from home
 - [Survey](#)
 - Additionally, access to online textbooks will be confirmed for all MS/HS students to curb any possible technical issues

Event Updates

After much prayer, administration has decided to postpone our upcoming musical, The Sound of Music. The new dates have not yet been determined. While we are heartbroken for the students and staff who have worked so hard as well as the family and friends who are looking forward to attending, we feel that this decision is in the best interest of our community at this time.

Parkway has two trips scheduled in the coming weeks; our senior trip to Florida and our eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. Parkway is in communication with our D.C. travel agency. They are monitoring our trip and will keep us updated in the days to come.

At this time, the CDC has not restricted domestic travel to either of these locations. They continue to stress the importance of handwashing, which we will employ while at these destinations. Should the CDC provide additional guidance, we will review our plans and update the students and families affected.

We are in close contact with the vendors and travel companies to determine the possibility of refunds should either trip be canceled. At this point in time, we understand that there will be no refunds for either trip. With that understanding, we will continue to pray, watch, wait and keep those affected informed.

Thank you for your vigilance and patience as we all do our part to keep our community healthy, while at the same time providing our students with a quality education.

In Christ,

Parkway Administration