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Dear ALH Students, Staff and Families,

As you may be aware, Governor Cuomo conducted a press conference this afternoon to provide an update and to address the concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). He also reiterated the latest guidance on the situation for all New York State P-12 schools. Governor Cuomo announced that he is not closing schools at this time based on the most current information, however, any school with a student, teacher, or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be closed for at least 24 hours. Subsequently, the local health department will assess the school and situation in order to determine whether or not an extended closure is required.

At this time, there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at ALH. We will, however, be following guidance as it becomes available, and all situations and/or concerns will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, following guidance from the New York State Department of Health, the Albany County Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the New York State Education Department and the Governor's Office.

ALH continues its focused and diligent preventative measures, including frequently cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and posting reminders for students and staff to wash their hands often. As previously stated, we strongly encourage ALH staff, students, and families to continue following the health and safety measures listed below:

- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and warm water.
- Use at least 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap and water are unavailable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with those you know are sick.
- Stay home if you or your child feels sick.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, immediately throw it away.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please visit our website, [www.albanyleadershiphigh.org](http://www.albanyleadershiphigh.org), for updates and relevant information specific to ALH, and for additional important information, you may access guidance and updates from the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/>), the NYSDOH (<https://www.health.ny.gov/>), or you may call 1-888-364-3065 for the Coronavirus Hotline.

Thank you again for your ongoing efforts to keep our students, staff and school community safe.

Sincerely,

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