



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update -- March 11, 2020

We continue to monitor the latest information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). With multiple confirmed cases in California, we want all families to be prepared should the virus be detected in our own community. We are staying in close contact with local health officials, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the San Diego County Office of Education and San Diego Unified School District. Please understand our school leadership is considering all possible scenarios to protect the well-being of our students as we monitor COVID-19.

Although there has not yet been a confirmed case of the virus at our school, as a precautionary measure **GPA will be closed over Spring Break from March 21st through April 6th** to conduct a deep cleaning of our campus. The main campus will not be opened to students; however, previously scheduled athletic events will take place unless we are directed by CIF or county health officials to postpone or cancel games.

Please consider the following information to help you and your family be prepared:

- At this point, there has been one presumptive confirmed case in San Diego. However, in monitoring the spread of this virus throughout the United States and the rest of the world, it is clear things can change suddenly. Several school closures are taking place throughout the state, and cities as close to us as Long Beach have declared a State of Emergency.
- We have been assured by public health officials that school closures are unwarranted at this time. In the event that GPA is required to close, we encourage all parents to develop plans now for your children. Schools in other areas that have closed for COVID-19 have shut down for one or two weeks. We understand this would create a hardship for many of our families, especially if we are required to close with very little advanced notice.
- We will continue to share updated information with you through our autodialer, emails, our website and social media on Instagram. We have created a space on our website with information on COVID-19. Our website will be your primary source for updated plans for supporting schools and students, including learning resources in the event virtual learning becomes necessary.

Rest assured, we are monitoring this developing situation closely, staying in contact with health organizations and school districts. We want our families to be prepared for all possible scenarios, including an extended closure of schools, should COVID-19 become an issue locally. All decisions will be made in the best interest of the health of our students, staff and community. Again, please visit gompersprep.org and follow us on Instagram to stay informed with the latest information. The best thing we can do to reduce the risk within our community is to continue using common sense strategies; such as washing hands thoroughly, monitoring any signs of illness, and staying home when sick.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and trust in GPA.