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ARMENIAN MESROBIAN ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Families:

We are looking forward to the safe reopening of our school. As you know, in March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak a global pandemic. In addition to the federal government, the Governor, State of California, and Los Angeles County have also issued various public health orders to respond to the outbreak. To comply with these orders and to effectuate social distancing, in March 2020, Armenian Mesrobian School closed in order to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

As we move towards reopening our economy and society, the School has implemented preventative measures in accordance with state and local guidelines and best practices to reduce the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19, which is extremely contagious and for which there is no known cure. Such measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cleaning and sanitizing frequently-contacted areas, such as tables, chairs, door handles, water fountains, restroom surfaces, and other high-use surfaces in between uses and/or daily;
- Providing opportunities for students and staff to wash their hands frequently and ensuring sufficient access to handwashing and sanitizer stations, and ensuring facilities are fully stocked with soap and water, and, where necessary, hand sanitizer;
- Implementing passive screening (e.g., self or parent screening). Parents agree to not send their children to school with any symptoms that are found in the Prescreening Waiver. The school will test once weekly all students in K-12.
- Requiring hand washing or sanitizing for all individuals before entering campus;
- Requiring the wearing of face masks for students and staff while indoors on campus.
- Limiting access to campus from outside visitors and groups, and implementing protocols for accepting deliveries safely;
- Implementing efforts to maintain appropriate physical distancing between individuals to the greatest extent possible, including separating desks, making appropriate staffing adjustments, and utilizing alternative campus spaces, and providing supervised and sufficient points of access to avoid large gatherings;
- Ensuring adequate air circulation;
- Implementing separation and isolation protocols for individuals exhibiting symptoms;
- Providing appropriate training to stakeholders regarding cleaning and disinfecting, transmission prevention, symptom screening, proper usage of PPE, coughing and sneezing etiquette, state and local health recommendations, and other related health and safety protocols; and
- Implementing a communication plan with staff and families in the event of a positive COVID-19 case.

As you know, Mesrobian School has its own COVID-19 Mitigation Task Force, which has recommended weekly testing of students in lieu of other screening measures. Please understand that the situation is dynamic and is being monitored in real time. Please expect changes as needed based on rates of community transmission and infection as well as COVID-19 vaccination.

However, notwithstanding these measures, the school/preschool cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19 while attending in-person instruction or participating in a school activity due to the nature of the virus. This notice is being provided to inform you that, should you enter the school's premises or participate in school/preschool functions, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19, that such exposure may result in the exposure of others with whom you interact including your family, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal illness and/or death.

With that said, as we prepare to safely return to campus, our priority has and always will be to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Should you have any further questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Rita Tokhmanian at rita.tokhmanian@mesrobian.org.

Thank you and please stay safe.

Sincerely,
ADMINISTRATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

Child's Name

Grade Level

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian