Dear Families,

Health and safety is our top priority, and the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is working closely with the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to ensure the safety of all students. As COVID-19 continues to spread, it is important for everyone to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) in collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE) is providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for all students who participate in educational programs. The PPE includes masks, gloves, and other protective gear. This equipment is being distributed to all schools in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. We are working closely with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to ensure that all necessary precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to update you on any changes to our plans.

Please continue to follow the guidelines provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the Department of Education (DOE) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Together, we can keep our community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
May 11, 2020

Dear Families,

Health and safety is our top priority, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reminds families that COVID-19 remains a threat to our community.

COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can cause serious illness and death. While the virus is primarily spread through contact with an infected person, it can also be spread via airborne droplets, especially from coughing and sneezing.

We encourage all families to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including

- Wearing a mask when outdoors and indoors in public places
- Maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow
- Avoiding close contact with sick people

If you or someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms, please call 311 and follow the guidance of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) has created a COVID-19 Resources page on its website that includes information on how to stay safe during the pandemic. This page is regularly updated with the latest information and resources for families and educators.

https://www.nyc.gov/talkingpoints/covid-19/what-parents-need-to-know

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school or the DOE's COVID-19 Hotline at 311.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

Richard A. Carranza
Chancellor

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