

ECTA Community During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

Hello Circus Family,

We are reaching out to you a second time to inform you that ECTA continues to actively monitor the most current information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are aware that the virus has been actively reported in Washington State and in response, we will continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC and the Washington Department of Health.

The following information is from the Washington Department of Health:

What can I do to prevent COVID-19 infections in my school?

Schools do not need to take any special precautions beyond what is normally recommended to prevent the spread of viruses in schools. You can help students and staff reduce their risk for getting and spreading viral respiratory infections, including the flu and the common cold, by encouraging them to take simple steps which will also prevent COVID-19. These include:

- Staying home when they are sick.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before and after eating, and after they blow their nose.
- If soap and water is not readily available, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is acceptable. If hands are visibly dirty, use soap and water.
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Following the school's routine cleaning and disinfection program. Emphasizing cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then immediately throwing the tissue in the trash and cleaning hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water isn't readily available).

The Washington State Department of Health and the CDC are recommending additional precautions **only** for those individuals who have had close contact with someone who is **confirmed** to have COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone known to have COVID-19. These recommendations can be found on the CDC website. The CDC is recommending that individuals who are not symptomatic continue with their daily activities, including going to work, school, or other public areas.

At this time we are keeping normal business hours. As a precaution, we are having ECTA staff and instructors increase sanitizing efforts inside our facilities.

Friends, please help us keep our facility open and free of this virus. Per our previous statement, please stay home if you have developed any new fever or respiratory symptoms (frequent,

productive cough or shortness of breath/difficulty breathing) or of you have been in contact with anyone known to have COVID-19 or who are being isolated for COVID-19.

You will not be charged a cancellation fee.

You will be cancelled out of any previously booked classes for the next 14 days per the CDC advised isolation period or until you are cleared to return to class by a healthcare provider.

Please be healthy and safe,

Your ECTA Management Team

References:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus/Schools>