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Lincoln Academy and the Coronavirus

Lincoln Academy is committed to keeping our students safe and healthy. While the Coronavirus presents a public health emergency in some regions, Lincoln Academy's risk of exposure is currently very low.

No student or staff member in the LA community has traveled to the affected region of China this year, and no students or staff have returned from China since early January. Those who arrived from Asia after the Christmas holidays have been carefully screened - a standard practice every time students move into the school's dorms.

The Lincoln Academy health center keeps a close watch on risk factors and symptoms. The school has worked with families of students that were planning to travel to China in February, and those students have made alternate plans. We have no students or staff traveling to or from Asia during the upcoming school vacation week.

Lincoln Academy is closely following updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and Lincoln Health, who oversees our health center.

"Students get sick in the winter," said LA Health Center Director Eric Duffy, RN. "We have documented cases of influenza, strep, and the common cold so far this year. But at this time there is no reason to think that students at Lincoln Academy are at any greater risk this year than they are any other year. Everyone should take common sense precautions like washing their hands and staying home when they are sick."