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To Parents of Prelacy Armenian Schools and Preschools

Dear Parents,

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Holy Martyrs
Marie Cabayan Elementary &
Ferrahian High School

We want to extend our sincere appreciation for the flexibility and resilience you have shown since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful for your continued support of Prelacy Armenian Schools during these challenging times.

Holy Martyrs ARS
Ashkhen Pilavjian
Armenian Preschool

We have decided to commence the 2021-2022 school year with welcoming back all our students for in-person instruction. We also want to assure you, that our Schools and Preschools are prepared to immediately shift to a distance learning program should the need arise during the school year.

GLENDALE

Vahan & Anoush Chamlian
Armenian School
Richard Tufenkian
Armenian Preschool

Over the past few months our Principals and Directors have been hard at work in preparation for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We have also been closely monitoring the latest COVID-19 data. According to reports, over the past month, transmission of COVID-19 cases, including hospitalization rates, has increased in our region.

HOLLYWOOD

Rose & Alex Pilibos
Armenian School

The Prelacy Armenian Schools, as is the case with other School districts, will be required to follow the guidelines and recommendations set forth by CDC and the County Department of Public Health.

Mary Postoian
Armenian Preschool

The following are some important CDC and County guidelines and recommendations that all Prelacy Armenian Schools and Preschools will adhere to.

PASADENA

Levon & Hasmig Tavlian
Armenian Preschool

- Masking will be required for anyone entering school buildings or transports (school buses as well as school buildings) who have contact with others (students, parents, or other employees).
- EVERYONE, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors at any youth-serving facility (such as K-12 schools, childcare, day camps, etc.). Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask. Most children ages 2 to 8 can safely wear a mask with adult supervision. Additional information and guidelines pertaining to masks can be found by visiting <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>
- Students granted a reasonable accommodation in the form of mask exemption due to a disability or other condition need not be excluded from in-person education. It is strongly recommended that such students be tested for COVID-19 at least twice weekly.
- Adults in school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- Masks may be removed during nap time or when children are eating and drinking.
- Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings.
- Physical distancing strategies are still recommended as long as they do not interfere with full-time attendance for all students.
- Students are to remain at home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19: *Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.*

PICO RIVERA

Armenian Mesrobian
School
Armenian Mesrobian
Preschool

SAN FRANCISCO

Krouzian Zekarian
Vasbouragan
Armenian School
Krouzian Zekarian
Vasbouragan
Armenian Prechool

SANTA ANA

Ari Guiragos Minassian
Armenian School
Ari Guiragos Minassian
Armenian Preschool

- Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and immediately contact their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status.
- Students who have had contact with a close family member who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or is known to have been in contact with another individual who is showing symptoms or has COVID-19, must stay home and will require testing.
- If a student/s test positive for COVID-19 they will be required to quarantine or self-isolate 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Please see attached chart on *“what to do if a student becomes sick or reports a new covid-19 diagnosis at school.”*
- The following requirements will apply when traveling international for both vaccinated and not vaccinated individuals. 1) Mandatory COVID-19 test is required before flying back to the US, 2) Individual is required to get tested 3-5 days after travel. 3) self-monitor for symptoms and 4) wear a mask and take precautions during travel. Not vaccinated individuals will also be required to, 1) get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US and 2) self-quarantine after international travel for 7 days with a negative COVID 19-test or 10 days without a test.

The above guidelines and recommendations are a few important ones we wanted to highlight in our letter. Our Schools and Preschools will also share additional guidelines and regulations that parents will be required to adhere to, such as dropping and picking up students etc., to keep our campuses safe.

We would like to emphasize the importance of getting fully vaccinated. As we have done with our teachers and staff, we also highly encourage parents to get fully vaccinated. We also highly encourage that all families and extended family members, that have frequent contact with students, to also get vaccinated.

Attached to this letter is important documentation regarding School openings, recommendations and guidelines. We kindly request that you take some time and review the documents.

Parents are also encouraged to visit the following links for additional information.

<http://ph.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/EducationToolkit/TK12/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

<https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

We are looking forward to having our students back on our campuses and realize that circumstances will continue to change as has been the case since the start of the pandemic. We will continue to remain fluid in our planning and trust that you will fully support and cooperate with our School and Preschool administration.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your loved one’s health and strength as we remain committed to our mission and to our young generations of Armenian-Americans.

Sincerely,

Board of Regents
 Prelacy Armenian Schools