



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian of AAL Students,

As we stay in close contact with our city and state health experts about the increasing number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our state, we wanted to provide updated information to our community.

There are currently 8 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Colorado. ***We currently have no Academy of Advanced Learning students or staff who have confirmed cases of the virus.***

Over the upcoming weeks, please know that we will maintain close contact with the Arapahoe/El Paso County Department of Public Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. When we receive information indicating any potential exposure to COVID-19 or a positive test or presumptive positive test for COVID-19, our immediate first action is to seek the expert guidance of these departments. These departments will help guide us on what actions we need to take and what information we must communicate.

We have been in contact with state health officials regarding all information we have received regarding potential exposure to COVID-19 and have received assurances that at this time we can continue with all of our school schedules and planned school events. The main health risk is coming in close contact with someone who has the virus, and there are strong systems in place in determining the need for monitoring, isolation, quarantine or other restriction of movement and activities for those patients and anyone else they've had close contact with to help stop the virus from spreading.

We are ensuring that all school facilities are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We strongly urge our community to take these essential health precautions:

- Stay home when you are sick, and keep your children at home when they are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Additional information on COVID-19 is available by **calling CO-Help at 303-389-1687** or 877-462-2911 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (including weekends) or by emailing [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org). Answers are available in English, Spanish, Mandarin and other languages. Additional information is available online from the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe), and [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Thank you for your support and your continued cooperation in taking the necessary precautions to keep our campuses and school facilities healthy and safe. If you have further questions related to Third Future Schools and COVID-19, please email Mrs. Jessica Lopez at [jlopez@aalk8.org](mailto:jlopez@aalk8.org) or leave a voice message at 719 313 7007.