



February 7, 2020

Dear Nobles Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are reaching out to those of you who are involved in Nobles trips in March. We have been closely monitoring the [novel coronavirus](#) and considering how the epidemic might affect student and faculty travel over the break.

With all Nobles EXCEL trips, our first priority is student health and safety. We use multiple sources of information as we manage risk for each trip including our partners at International SOS, the Center for Disease Control, the State Department, the World Health Organization as well as our partners on the ground. In addition, we consult with medical professionals, risk management experts and others to determine how to proceed with plans for various trips. As of today, the only group that will not go is the Cambodia/Vietnam trip. For all of the other trips, we will continue to weigh all available information with great care and share information with you should our assessment change.

We also will be reminding the broader community how to remain healthy and avoid contracting illnesses here at home. While we are unaware of any immediate risk to our school community, we encourage students to wash hands with soap and water thoroughly and regularly; cover nose and mouth with flexed elbow or tissue when sneezing or coughing; and avoid close contact with anyone with flu-like symptoms.

With regard to the coronavirus specifically, Nobles will continue to watch international and national advisories and will remain in close contact with local resources.

Regarding the status of EXCEL trips in March, please feel free to reach out with any concerns you might have. We will keep you informed as information develops.

With ongoing thanks for your support,

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