

MILTON ACADEMY

—DARE TO BE TRUE—

Dear Families,

I write to update you on several important decisions that have been made in response to the continued spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Please read below for important changes to our post-spring break plans.

Academic Program

While we are unaware of any cases of COVID-19 on our campus, based on information from public health officials and other medical experts, we understand that the number of cases is expected to increase in the United States and Massachusetts in the coming weeks.

With the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff in mind, following the spring break we have decided to suspend on-campus classes until **Monday, April 13**, and instead rely temporarily on remote learning to execute our academic program. Please note that we cannot predict how these circumstances will develop, so we may need to extend the April 13 date out further. We will notify you again if this date needs to change.

Remote learning will vary across our Upper, Middle, and Lower Schools, and within the hour you will receive an email from your principal that outlines each division's planned approach. Boarding students and their families will receive additional details from Upper School Principal David Ball.

Regardless of our ultimate date for the resumption of on-campus classes and activities, as previously stated in our last communication, anyone traveling to a current or future CDC-designated Level 2 or 3 area will be required to undergo a 14-day self-quarantine and be asymptomatic before they will be allowed to return to campus. Anyone with a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, regardless of travel, should also not return to campus. Please first contact our Health Center at 617-898-2450 for an initial phone consultation or for more information.

Organized Activities and Events

As of this Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m., we are suspending all organized Milton Academy student activities, with the exception of programs for students who must remain on campus over the break due to travel restrictions. Athletics practices will not resume in any form until students return to campus. We have also cancelled all Milton events until at least April 12.

Due to the rapidly evolving nature of COVID-19, please know we will continue to closely monitor and follow updated guidance from public health officials and will reevaluate as necessary our planning and programming.

We understand that these temporary modifications are a disruption to our normal programming and our students' experience. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work together through this intensely challenging time. Our top priority always has, and will continue to be, the safety of our students as well as others in our community. We remain committed to doing all that

we can to protect the health and safety of our campus and the broader community around us. I thank you all again for your continued support.

If you have questions, please contact Paula Larson, in our Health and Counseling Center, at 617-898-2450 or paula_larson@milton.edu, or your principal. Parents may also access a 24/7 Boston Children's Hospital hotline for COVID-19 related matters at 855-281-5730 or 617-355-4200. For additional details on COVID-19, please visit the [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) websites. You may also access all school-wide COVID-19 communications on our [coronavirus update page](#).

Sincerely,

Todd B. Bland
Head of School