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Good Morning Eagle Families,

Unfortunately an untrue rumor is circulating around the school and through social media posts that a student has tested positive for the coronavirus. **This is not true.** As you are aware, this time of year many students fall ill and are tested for the flu. I believe a student overheard a comment that another student was tested for the regular flu and communicated wrong information to friends.

As a school community we are working closely with the department of health, our school district and the CDC in using best practices for precautions. Below please see the recent announcement sent to families by Pinellas County Schools:

As you may know, the Centers for Disease Control issued an update yesterday on the coronavirus, now called COVID-19. The health and safety of our students is our top priority. Please know that the district is in constant communication with the Florida Department of Health.

Currently there are **no cases** of COVID-19 in Pinellas County or the State of Florida and the risk of infection is low for the general public in the United States. We are continuously monitoring the situation and reviewing our plans with local and state health agencies should the coronavirus impact our area.

We remind families to practice all preventative measures used during flu season, including frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding sharing cups or utensils. If students are sick, we are urging parents to please keep them home from school.

As an added precaution, we have elevated our cleaning and disinfecting protocols at all district facilities and will ensure that soap dispensers remain filled and hand sanitizer is readily accessible. You can find the latest information on the virus at [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov). Also, please see the factsheet below from the Centers for Disease Control. Any impacts to our school district will be shared on our website and through our social media channels.

**English**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

**Spanish**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet-sp.pdf>

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*Vision- 100% student success*

*Mission- The community of East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce and citizenship.*