



Dear Falcon Families,

March 24, 2020

It seems that these letters to you are becoming more and more frequent as we walk through this pandemic together! My hope and prayer remains that you are all well! This afternoon, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners issued a **"Stay at Home" order for 21 days beginning Thursday, March 26th at 8am.** This order will be in effect March 26-April 16 and will expire (if it is not renewed) during our Spring Break. Therefore, **we will extend our distance learning through Spring Break and then dismiss for Spring Break as scheduled on Thursday, April 9th at noon.**

My hope is that we might be able to return to campus following Spring Break on April 20, 2020, as scheduled, although that is looking less and less likely over time. **We will make a decision on how we will return to learning following Spring Break as we get closer to that April 20 timeframe.**

Information You Need to Know

So what does this "Stay at Home" Order mean for you?

For most of you, it will not be a big change whether or not you live in Mecklenburg County if you have been following the current hygiene and social distancing recommendations. We will continue distance learning with your children and teachers will still be able to come on campus for materials needed to prepare for that learning. We will still be able to secure and maintain our facilities and essential functions of government and society will continue as long as you maintain safe social distancing.

Here is the link for the actual text of the order and its FAQ's so you can check out all the details of what you can and cannot do:

Order: <https://www.mecknc.gov/news/Documents/Mecklenburg%20County%20Stay%20at%20Home%20Orders.pdf>

FAQs about the Order:

<https://www.mecknc.gov/news/Documents/COVID-19-Stay-at-Home-FAQ.pdf>

We encourage you to continue to follow credible resources for ongoing information on the global COVID-19 pandemic through agencies such as the [World Health Organization](#), the [CDC](#), the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), and state and local health departments. Should a healthcare provider or any health agency recommend self-quarantine or hospitalization for any member of your family or household during this time, please continue to immediately inform Mireidy Carthen at mireidy.carthen@ufca.org. Likewise, please continue to let us know through the use of our Travel Update Form (click [here](#)) if you travel.

The Bible is clear that we are to comply with the government officials He has placed over us, so my hope and prayer is that we follow this order to help end this pandemic (Romans 13:1). To borrow from Miss Rola, (Isaiah 53:4-5, Psalms 91:3, Psalms 23:6) "In uncertain times, you can be sure of His promises. Surely He bore your infirmities and carried your diseases, surely He will save you, surely His goodness and love will follow you." I pray you can rest in the peace that you are His and are covered by His love and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Please continue to join with me in prayer for those who have been directly and indirectly affected, and that God will quickly remove this virus!

Blessings,

Susan R. Blumenthal, PhD, Head of School

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" 2 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV