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**UPDATE on school-wide illness**

Dear Bluegrass Christian Academy Families,

Thank you for your diligence and communication over these past few days. If you had this sickness hit your home, I'm so sorry. It has proven to be a highly contagious and unforgiving bug!

We still have students and their family members who have presented with this illness within the last 48 hours. Additionally, it was necessary for several of our teachers to deep clean the school yesterday. Given the pediatrician's recommendation that people stay home if they have been exposed to this virus within the last 48 hours, we will not return to school tomorrow. This will help us ensure that the window has lapsed for those exposed by others and for the teachers who were cleaning contaminated areas.

**We plan to return to school on Thursday, February 2nd.**

Thank you for your understanding and support in making this decision. It has not been made lightly. I can assure you that we have considered all the factors at hand, and that we are so blessed to have each of these teachers who want the best in terms of safety, health, and academics. Couple that with your parental support, understanding, and offers to help clean and I just can't help but be so thankful.

**Here are some details and updates that you may be interested in:**

- At a quick count, 30 of our students have been/are sick with this bug, and 7 of our teachers have either been sick or had a sick family member.
- A deep cleaning happened Sunday and Monday. Surfaces and things that were cleaned: toys, chairs, tables, desks, light switches, knobs, walls, all classrooms, bathrooms, handrails, hallways, pews, play areas. A fogger was used to sanitize hard and soft surfaces using PureOx- [click here to read more about it](#).
- When we return on Thursday, we will limit our mingling between classes.
- We will work hard to catch up on the work that was missed.

With love and care,  
Andrea Hutchins, Interim Head of School