

Hello Parents,

BAC is working closely with individual Districts and Schools to meet all safety regulations for our Chess Enrichment programs given the recent news on the COV-19 Coronavirus.

BAC understands this time must be stressful for you and your families. In some cases, schools are staying open and in other cases they are opting to close their internal programs and allowing for external enrichment programming, such as BAC, to continue forward so long as we meet a variety of suggested precautionary conditions. For the most part, these include not having a group larger than 50 kids in one space, and doing our best to make sure smaller groups are an arms-distance away from one another. We will be taking further precautions as well, such as mandatory hand-washing breaks in cases where it is available, and declining the tradition of shaking hands before and after games. There should not be any physical contact in our classes, and our materials will be properly sanitized.

The overwhelming position of our School Districts state:

- 1) Children are “not shown to be a high-risk group” and “should be allowed to carry on with their education and normal activities.” The “risk to the general public remains low.”
- 2) They advise that sick, elderly, and “higher risk for serious illness” should not be present in our enrichment gatherings. Those who attend should wash hands regularly and practice latest precautions.
- 3) BAC cannot make any guarantees and we encourage you to use your best discretion regarding attendance, especially if you, or your family members, are in a high-risk group.

Policy for Enrichment Closure:

The guidance from CDC and various local authorities are still quite fluid. We will therefore not be addressing the topic of refunds until after the situation settles and the true impact can be determined.

In cases where Enrichment days are forced to close as a precautionary mandate: We will work with the school administration and attempt to add these classes to the end of a semester to meet the correct number of sessions and complete the full term. In situations where this is not possible, we will be reaching out with options and/or credits based on the impact of each individual site.

Students will not be docked [class points](#) for mandatory closures (in applicable classes) and any absences during March. They will still receive an average weekly score added to their totals.

You may monitor our site for updates or notices here: <https://enrichment.bayareachess.com>

. We thank you for your understanding, your involvement and your support as we continue to ***Transform lives through Chess!***

- The BAC Enrichment Team.