

December 9th, 2020

St. Theresa Families,

We have been very blessed to have had minimal impact with our on-campus learning in regards to COVID-19 cases. We want to thank you for continuing to be vigilant and safe in your practices outside of school to ensure our community the highest level of safety.

After reflection and review, along with guidance from the Archdiocese and Health Department, we have made updates to our on-campus protocols which we believe will continue to keep our students in a safe and successful learning environment. Below you will find information regarding general reporting procedures, updates, communication plans, and travel cautions. We have also developed a leveled protocol that we will use to guide us through what additional measures are put in place when new cases are reported.

### **Reporting Cases**

- The positive case is reported to the Health Department and the Catholic Schools Office
- The Health Department determines if any individuals were in close contact with the individual who tested positive and those individuals **MUST** quarantine
  - **Positive Cases MUST:** quarantine for 10 days, with no symptoms for 3 days
  - **Exposure Cases MUST:** quarantine for 14 days
  - School is required to follow Health Department and TCCBED protocols, NOT CDC

### **Campus Protocols Updates**

- Gaiter masks will no longer be allowed on campus
- Group mask breaks will be discontinued in the classroom (Not to include lunch, snack, or water breaks)
- Students must wear masks at recess and PE unless sitting and socially distanced

### **Communication**

- Per the Health Department, Nurse Horne will continue to call families personally who have been identified as having been in close contact with the positive case
- We will continue to send out the campus letter notifying all families of a case reported on campus.
- We will also send out a letter to the homeroom and grade levels directly impacted by the reported case on campus.

### **Rapid Covid Testing**

- We encourage all of our families to continue safe practices and to take advantage of the many rapid COVID testing centers around our location. In order to encourage families to

get students tested when potentially exposed or presenting symptoms, we will allow students to participate in Distance Learning and Zoom classes for up to two days while getting rapid tested. Students are welcomed to return to campus upon negative results. **If you are testing due to potential exposure, please stay home until results are conclusive.**

- If you need assistance with locating a nearby testing site, please contact us for more information.

#### **Travel after Christmas**

- We are very grateful to our families who are taking serious measures to ensure the health and wellbeing of their family and our school family by following social distancing and healthy practices at home too, as well as quarantining when necessary. PLEASE keep this in mind as you make your Christmas plans and continue to observe all the safety protocols that have been so successful. If all families continue to commit to these high standards and safety practices, we can continue to provide safe on-campus instruction. We will follow any travel restrictions and/or quarantines imposed by the city and encourage families to avoid travel if possible.

We appreciate the trust you have placed in St. Theresa to provide on-campus learning for your children. We will continue to provide a safe and successful education under the pillars of Faith, Service, and Knowledge.

Love and Light,

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