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NEWS RELEASE

Catholic schools report eight positive cases of COVID-19

Catholic schools have reported a total of eight positive cases of COVID-19 for the period of Oct. 5 to Oct. 14, 2021. Seven are students and one is an employee.

School administrators have informed the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and the Archdiocese of Agaña Liaison for COVID-19. They are working with DPHSS on contact tracing and have contacted parents of the affected students.

Mount Carmel School reported that two students tested positive on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School had two students test positive on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Dominican Child Development Center (DCDC) had one positive student on Monday, Oct. 11, St. Anthony Catholic School had one student on Tuesday, Oct. 12 and Father Duenas Memorial School had one student on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Infant of Prague Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten had one employee test positive on Oct. 7.

Please note that a positive case reported from a school does not necessarily mean that the individuals contracted the virus at their campus.

There have been 11 cases of COVID-19 by individuals from our Catholic schools since students began returning to in-class learning on Sept. 20. Since the start of School Year 2021-2022 in August, Catholic schools have recorded 53 positive cases. Forty-eight are students and five staff.

School administrators assure parents that they are following all the necessary steps to ensure the safety of their students and adults. The Archdiocese encourages students, faculty, staff, and family members to be cautious of contact and exposure in the community that may lead to COVID-19 infections.

Archbishop Michael Byrnes, newly named Superintendent of Catholic Education Father Val Rodriguez and our Catholic school administrators ask everyone to pray for the affected individuals and their families and all who have contracted the virus. Thank you.

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