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NEWS RELEASE

Three more students from three additional Catholic schools test positive for COVID-19

The Archdiocese of Agaña announces that three more students from three additional Catholic schools have tested positive for COVID-19. The schools are receiving guidance from the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) on contact tracing and are also communicating with their parents and guardians.

Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School in Sinajana, Saint Francis Catholic School in Yona and Dominican Catholic School in Yigo each notified the Archdiocese today of one student from their school testing positive.

This brings to seven the number of Catholic school students who are positive for COVID-19. Wednesday, the Archdiocese reported one positive case from Academy of Our Lady of Guam, one from Notre Dame High School and two from Father Duenas Memorial.

With guidance from DPHSS, Catholic school administrators assure everyone that they're taking all measures to ensure the safety of their students and adults. These include isolating positive individuals from the schools and providing direction to those students who require testing, quarantine, or isolation.

COVID-19 testing with the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid test is available for students, employees and families who are not vaccinated. Father Duenas Memorial School is working with DPHSS to offer the testing to the affected Catholic schools' individuals at its site in Mangilao.

Vaccinated students and students who have not been instructed to quarantine are still to report to school as scheduled.

Archbishop Michael Byrnes and our Catholic administrators are praying for the students and their families and ask everyone to pray for all who have the virus.

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