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NEWS RELEASE

Archdiocese working closely with Public Health after four Catholic school students test positive

The Archdiocese of Agaña is working closely with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) on contact tracing as four students have tested positive for COVID-19.

Notre Dame High School and Academy of Our Lady each have one student who has tested positive. Father Duenas Memorial School has two positive cases.

Academy's positive test was yesterday, Aug. 16. Notre Dame learned of its positive case today. Father Duenas informed its parents and guardians of its two positive cases on August 10. Academy and Notre Dame have also been busy communicating with parents/guardians.

School administrators at all three schools are following guidance provided by DPHSS and assure everyone that they're following all the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the students and adults. The positive individuals are being isolated at home for a period of 10 days and are receiving instructional support by faculty remotely.

With direction from DPHSS, schools are providing guidance to those students who require testing, quarantine, or isolation. Students who have not been contacted should not be suspect that they are close contacts. Vaccinated students and students who were not instructed to quarantine are still to report to school as scheduled.

COVID-19 testing with the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid test may be available for students, employees and families who are not vaccinated. By law, the names of individuals who have COVID-19 cannot be disclosed.

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