

The health and safety of students and staff of St. Francis Xavier and all students across the Archdiocese is our top priority. We are committed to ensuring school communities have the information they need on COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As noted, in the Superintendent of Schools, March 6th letter, “We will provide information on school operations as well as, coronavirus related guidance from government agency. However, it would be in violation of privacy laws to provide information about specific individuals and their circumstances.”

We are writing to inform you that a member of the St. Francis Xavier School community self-reported a positive test result for COVID-19. We are handling this situation with the utmost seriousness. At this time, it is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear or rumor. I would encourage you to visit the CDC website [www.CDC.Gov](http://www.CDC.Gov) for additional factual information and resources and the attached NYC DOH FAQ.

We are following protocols from the CDC, NYS DOH, and NYC DOH. We have contracted with qualified, licensed cleaning professionals who will conduct deep cleaning and sanitization following CDC Guidelines using approved disinfectants.

NYC Department of Health has advised us: *“Currently, there is generalized community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City, meaning there are cases that have no known link to travel or to another confirmed case. The school or workplace environment having a positive case does not put others at higher risk than anywhere else in the city, given that there is generalized transmission in the city.”*

***Students and Staff should self monitor for symptoms if you have fever or symptoms, call the NYC Health Department at 347-396-7990, in addition you can call 311 and your medical provider.”***

During times like this, the safety and well-being of our Catholic schools families and staff, as well as those in the broader community around us, are our primary concern.

We will continue to deliver as much information as possible in a timely manner. For regularly updated information on COVID-19 (coronavirus) related issues in our schools, the best resource will always be [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org)