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Dear Catholic Schools Families,

As we draw closer to reopening our school buildings, we continue to be committed to doing so safely. While that involves physically creating a hygienic COVID-resistant environment, it also means maintaining strict control over who enters our building - including visitors, staff *and* students. [A recent article in Catholic New York](#) provides a look at the *blueprint* we have followed every step of the way.

As part of the New York State school reopening guidelines all those who enter a school building must complete daily self-screening for COVID-19. [CLICK HERE to find the daily self-screening checklist for everyone in our schools](#). Principals will be following up with more specific directions for your school community.

Please ensure that you complete this checklist daily at home and take your child's temperature before they leave for school. This will avoid children being sent home or placed in the Guardian Angel isolation room by principals or teachers when they arrive.

In keeping with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health's directives, we will adhere to travel restrictions from [states with high rates of infection](#). Anyone who has traveled to any of those states must quarantine for 14 days upon returning to New York.

It is also important to note the immunizations that all students must receive annually. If a student does not meet the guidelines [linked here](#) for their grade after the first 14 days of school, the principal must by law, exclude the student until they have proof of such immunization. We have been informed by the State Department of Health this applies to students who are in school and who are attending remotely. We strongly encourage all students receive their flu shot as soon as possible during the month of September.

More than ever, the health of our schools and the greater community are primary, and we are grateful for your partnering with us to maintain a safe environment in which to pray, learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
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New York