



December 3, 2020

Dear Families of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

Today, Governor Newsom announced a revised shelter-in-place order for several regions in California, including the Bay Area. During his presentation, the governor announced that schools that are already open to in-person instruction might remain open. The Health Departments of our three counties have reiterated that our schools may remain open. The Department of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of San Francisco has collected data on student and staff positivity rates for COVID-19 since our schools began reopening to in-person instruction in September. We have seen less than 40 cases of COVID-19 across our 48 elementary schools and four high schools within the last ten weeks. These numbers are remarkably positive and serve as a testament to the comprehensive infection mitigation plans that our schools have implemented to keep your children and our dedicated staff and faculties as safe as possible. As we have throughout this pandemic, we will continue to follow our three county health departments' mandates and feel confident that our students and families are best served at this time by keeping our school buildings open. We ask that you continue to be vigilant in following state and county COVID-19 protocols at home.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
Advent Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Lyons'.

Pamela Lyons
Superintendent of Schools