



# Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

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Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

November 20, 2020

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Community,

As we move forward with our desire to educate your child in a safe and productive manner, we want to remind you of some of the processes in place related to our Nouvel COVID communication and practices.

### **COVID Reporting and Communication Process:**

Over the past week we have experienced an increase in positive cases and related quarantines at the elementary and middle school building. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to move the elementary and middle school to remote learning through the Thanksgiving break (11/26 and 11/27). The [COVID reporting page](#) has been updated as of 12 p.m. on 11/20/20. We continue to exceed the requirements for reporting established by the MDHHS. In some cases, when first reported, the quarantine numbers may be “to be determined” because we are working to accurately report the data. When communicating about a positive case, our sequence is as follows: (1) contact tracing, (2) reaching out to students/staff that may have been in proximity with the known positive case (when possible), (3) building update, (4) COVID reporting page update. We strive to communicate accurate information as soon as possible based on the sequence above. (Additional data about COVID-19 in our county can be found at Saginaw County Health Department’s [COVID-19 website](#).)

### **Moving to Remote Instruction, When and Why:**

We have and will continue to follow the recommendations of the Saginaw County Health Department related to our school. In a similar fashion, we have adhered to orders from the governor and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Beyond these measures, there are key metrics that are examined when determining when/if it may be necessary to move to remote learning. These include: (1) the presence of epidemiologically linked cases in the building (i.e. an outbreak), (2) student attendance levels at the building and classroom level, and (3) staffing capacity. There is no specific “number” in each category or collectively that will result in an automatic move to remote learning. Every case is unique and will be evaluated independently by school leadership to determine the most appropriate course of action.

### **Potential Return Date, Remote Learning and Parent Survey:**

- Elementary and Middle School: Monday, November 30, pending building metrics
- High School: Friday, December 9, pending MDHHS order

Health experts have commented on the risk associated with holiday gatherings. School leadership has discussed how social plans during the holiday breaks may impact our ability to safely resume in-person instruction and welcome individual students back on campus. We are very interested in your level of comfort and/or preferences related to the timing of our return to in-person instruction following the

holiday breaks. We have created a parent survey to gauge your comfort level and receive your honest feedback. We ask that every family complete this survey by Monday, November 23 at 11:59 p.m. so that we can determine how we can best meet the needs of our community.

Click [here](#) to take the survey or visit: [www.NouvelCatholic.org/NovemberParentSurvey](http://www.NouvelCatholic.org/NovemberParentSurvey)

If you are interested in or considering voluntarily transitioning to remote learning, please contact your building leader. Depending on the level of interest in remote learning, we will explore changes that will allow us to better serve in-person and remote learners. While we strive to support our students, it is becoming increasingly challenging to accommodate individual requests to transition between modes of learning.

### **Together We are Strong, Nouvel Strong**

Within our own school, a vast majority of the cases of COVID-19 have occurred as a result of contact outside of the school. We have been blessed to have minimal spread through our buildings. This can only be maintained by continuing to adhere to social distancing, washing of hands and wearing a mask during the school day. However, the impact of what we do in school is limited. We continue to need your help. Thank you for working with us by completing the daily health screening form, keeping your child/ren home if you have any health concerns within your household and praying for the health and safety of our community. Collectively, actions in school and at home will increase our ability to provide in-person instruction and minimize disruptions.

As always if you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,



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