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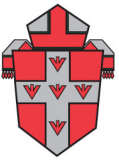
Dear Catholic School Families,

We continue to closely follow the global spread of the coronavirus and its potential impact on our schools and community. The outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) remains fluid and changes on a daily basis which makes it challenging to know exactly what will happen in the coming weeks and months. The best thing we can do is prepare as much as possible. While we know we must remain flexible and responsive to circumstances that may affect our schools, it will be important that we proceed in a manner that ensures sound instructional practices and positive learning outcomes for our students. While we hope that we will not need to close school for an extended period of time, we will continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

As COVID-19 continues to develop and spread in new states and countries, please be aware of your location in relation to existing or developing COVID-19 hotspots. In order to protect our students and the community, if you or anyone in your household is planning to travel domestically or internationally over spring break, ***we ask that you let us know by filling out this [simple form](#)***. Families should be aware that travel may be impacted by the virus and that your children's ability to immediately return to school may be delayed. We will continue to monitor the guidance from local, state and federal health officials and are asking students, families, staff and schools to comply with the following guidelines set forth by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education in order to prevent or contain the spread of the COVID 19. At this time, if a student, teacher or staff member travels to a country, region, state or city identified as risk level 2 or 3 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the individual will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days before returning back to school. China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, and Japan are currently the only countries meeting this classification. If you are traveling over spring break, please continue to monitor the CDC website or news outlets for additional countries or locations which may be added. Please refer frequently to the CDC [Travelers Guidance](#) as other countries may be elevated to Level 2 or 3 at any time or regions, states or cities added.

At this time, our schools do not have any school-sanctioned activities scheduled that require international travel through May. We will continue to monitor the domestic situation to ensure that our students are not travelling to any cities or states that have been identified as potentially hazardous for school-sponsored events.

As we watch many colleges, universities, and K-12 schools across the country move to online platforms, we believe this preparation is a prudent course of action. Please have your student bring home any books, technological devices, musical instruments, binders and notebooks that he/she requires before spring break--anything that they will need should we have to activate distance learning. This will help us be better prepared for any contingencies related to school closures that we might have to navigate following spring break.



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The safety of our students, our families, our personnel and the most vulnerable among those in our community is our utmost priority. Thank you for your careful attention to this situation. Please see the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Coronavirus [FAQ](#). Additionally, the Oklahoma State Department of Health has established a Coronavirus Call Center which can be reached by calling (877) 215-8336.

Sincerely,

Diane Floyd, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools