



PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Catholic School Families,

As we review the most recent mandates from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department, I wanted to reach out directly to you to share how this will impact our elementary schools immediately. As I stated in my most recent correspondence, our primary goal is to provide our families with the option of 5 day a week in-person instruction. We are also committed to providing an academically excellent virtual option. I encourage you to choose the option that best fits your family situation during the weeks ahead.

In accordance with the ACHD advisory to stay at home unless you are going to work, school or another essential activity, please note this immediate change within our Catholic Elementary Schools:

- All non-essential activities are suspended until further notice. This includes sporting events, practices, extra-curricular activities or school events.

It is our hope that efforts under this advisory will mitigate the current infection rate and prevent the issuance of a mandate.

We will continue to work with our schools and regions to address the need for the short term implementation of school wide virtual instruction. Please be mindful that staffing issues are an ongoing concern and can require a period of virtual instruction. Staffing shortages are caused by the need to quarantine and actual positive COVID results. Please continue to pray for our schools and particularly our teachers.

Further clarifying information will be forthcoming in the days ahead.

God bless you all,