

Holy Family School

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Dear Holy Family School Parents and Guardians,

Happy Monday! After speaking with our Diocesan Education Office and New York State Education, I'm writing to provide you with the latest update regarding our efforts to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff as it relates to the new coronavirus, known as COVID-19 virus.

It is possible, for MANY different reasons, that some students and staff may be out of school in the coming days or weeks. In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we continue to advise the following:

- If your child is sick and has a fever or signs of a fever, they should stay at home.
- Contact your child's doctor immediately.
- After your child no longer has a fever or signs of a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing drugs like ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil) or acetaminophen (Tylenol), they may return to school.

As we are doing in school, I would also take the opportunity to reinforce good hygiene habits with your child. The CDC always recommends the following actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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As advised, for precautionary reasons, we are cancelling all Field Trips until further notice. We are working with companies to have deposits returned if the trip is not rescheduled.

Additionally, please know that as always, we continue to follow the CDC recommendations as it pertains to cleaning and disinfecting our school. While I am sure protocols are in place with School Districts and Bus Companies, please know you have every right to contact them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs. Maurice Robert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Resources:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) and Children: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>
- World Health Organization (WHO) <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-theyhappen>
- New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus>
- Travel guidance from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>