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Dear Families,

Our Catholic schools were closed to in-person instruction since mid-March as a part of a broader set of recommendations to reduce the spread of the virus. New evidence and data about COVID-19 mitigation strategies continue to emerge regularly. On Friday, July 17, 2020, Governor Newsom stated, in-person school reopening and closure will be based on local disease trends.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have published additional guidance on the opening of schools. School buildings residing in a county that are on the California State watch list may NOT reopen. School facilities may reopen for in-person instruction ONLY when the county has NOT been on the watch list within the prior 14 days. The school programs must conduct distance learning until the county where the school resides is off the watch list for a minimum of 14 days.

The safety of all is dependent on our school communities. It is going to take our continuous collaborative efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Our reopening plans have been approved by the respective county health departments, therefore, when the time presents itself to reopen in-person instruction, we are prepared.

Present guidelines for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 include socializing only with members of your household, only going out for essentials or essential services, practicing social distancing, washing your hands, and wearing a face covering when in public. All of us need to do our part. We continue to pray and yearn to make the right decision for our families.

We implore Our Lady of Guadalupe to journey with us.

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.*

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