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Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

Since last week's updated Covid policies for the schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine, new guidelines have been provided by the Florida Department of Health regarding quarantine and isolation policies for all employees and students. The CDC issues recommendations; however, it has been brought to our attention that the following ruling from the state surgeon general supersedes even CDC recommendations.

***A person who tests positive for COVID-19:***

1. Regardless of vaccination status, a ***student*** who tests positive has the following options:
  - a. The student will isolate at home for five days and must wear a mask for an additional five days when returning to school. Upon return, symptoms must be resolving and the student must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. In addition, the following conditions must be maintained:
    - i. Wear mask (except when isolated from others while eating)
    - ii. Ensure proper washing or sanitizing of hands often
    - iii. No sports or Physical Education class
  - b. The student may receive a negative test (not an at-home test) result at any time after testing positive once symptoms begin to resolve and he/she has been fever-free for 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication; then, upon returning to school, the student will not need to wear a mask (once out of the current diocesan mask mandate) and may participate in sports and Physical Education class.
  - c. The student may simply remain out of school for ten days.
2. Regardless of vaccination status, a ***staff member*** who tests positive will isolate at home for five days and must wear a mask for an additional five days when returning to work as long as symptoms begin to resolve and he/she has been fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication.
3. Positive cases will be reported to Office of the Superintendent and a letter to the community will be sent communicating the positive case.

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***A person who is exposed to COVID-19:***

1. All individuals will be notified if they are in close contact or have potentially been exposed to COVID, but the decision to quarantine will be left up to the parent/guardian/employee.
2. As long as the individual remains asymptomatic, he/she may continue to go to school or work.
3. If symptoms develop, the individual must stay home and is encouraged to seek medical treatment.

Lastly, let us pray for all those who have contracted COVID-19 and for all their families as they work to restore their good health.

May God bless you and your families,

  
Deacon Scott J. Conway  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

  
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*Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*