

March 5, 2020

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff Members,

The Office of Catholic Schools is advising all schools to follow the CDC and VDH guidelines regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes restrictions regarding travel and the guidelines for those returning from international travel.

As we are approaching Spring and the potential of more families traveling over school holiday breaks, it is important to know that if students or family members are traveling to areas with travel restrictions, students will be asked to adhere to CDC guidelines - <u>https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices#travel-notice-definitions</u>.

- Travel to a Warning Level 3, Avoid nonessential travel upon returning, travelers should stay home and monitor their health during travel and for 14 days after returning to the United States.
- Travel to an Alert Level 2, Practice enhanced precautions upon returning, travelers should watch their health during travel and for 14 days after returning to the United States.
- Travel to a Watch Level 1, Practice usual precautions.

Schools will follow their policies on working with students who are absent due to extended illnesses. Absences will be excused. Parents have access to assignments on RenWeb/FACTS SIS and teachers will work with students upon their return.

The health and safety of our students, families, faculty/staff, and entire community is our priority. We will continue to monitor recommendations and notify you if policies need to be implemented.

Please keep all those affected by this illness and those helping to combat this outbreak in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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