



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
Department of Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents,

In just a few weeks schools across the Diocese of Covington will be welcoming students back for the 2021-2022 school year. As you make your final preparations for the new year, I wanted to provide an update on the COVID-19 prevention strategies that our schools will be using.

We have put in place safety protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as this virus continues to be present in our local community. I have included a document with this letter outlining the planned safety measures. All our school operations and activities will return to normal with these safety protocols in place. Individual schools may have procedures in addition to this document.

As parents, your support will be one of the most important factors in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses in our schools. It will be very important that you continue monitoring your children for illness prior to coming to school each day. If your child is exhibiting illness symptoms, you must keep them home and work with your doctor to determine what the illness is and when it will be safe to return to school. We also ask that you continue teaching and reinforcing basic strategies to prevent the spread of all illnesses such as handwashing and covering coughs or sneezes.

Our schools will continue tracking COVID-19 positive cases. This will help us determine whether or not additional measures need to be taken to further prevent or slow the spread of COVID-19. In order to do this, parents must report COVID-19 positive cases to the school immediately. The school will also keep parents informed of case activity in the school. All of this communication will ensure we are responding appropriately to the illness risks in our school communities.

This will be our third school year impacted by the COVID-19 virus. While we are again starting the year with some uncertainties, we remain confident with what we have learned so far in mitigating the spread of this virus. Throughout the 2020-21 school year, we made changes to procedures based on our data. We will continue to monitor this again and make changes as necessary to maintain in-person learning.

In all things we place our trust in God. So I ask you to pray for another successful school year and ask God's protection for the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, families and volunteers who will be part of our school communities this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kendra McGuire
Superintendent of Schools