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Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

As you are aware, we are still in the midst of a pandemic with COVID-19. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of the Catholic school employees throughout the diocese who continue to work to educate and keep our students safe. Our schools have done a fabulous job with their protocols in place to safeguard our students and staff during the school day.

With the upcoming Easter break, we ask that you remain conscientious about limiting any possible exposure to COVID-19, especially if you will be traveling. Guidance for international travel suggests certain protocols. Those non-exposed during international travel to countries that are labeled a Level 3 or higher must self-quarantine for 7 full days. Day 1 is the first full day, without travel, back in the United States. On day 6 of quarantine, students and employees may choose to get a PCR test and may return to school on day 8, after a negative result is presented to the school administration. If a PCR test is not chosen after international travel, there is a required 10-day quarantine period.

In addition, new policies will be in place for the schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine. A 10-day isolation is still required for any person testing positive. The change comes in regards to someone being exposed to a positive case.

***Person who is exposed:***

**a. Asymptomatic Individual –**

1. If an asymptomatic close contact gets a PCR test on day 6 or later and receives a negative result, then he/she may end quarantine after day 7. ***The school must be given a copy of the test result to be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent.***
2. Without testing, after 10 days of quarantine, an asymptomatic individual can return and complete the remaining 4 days of quarantine.

- a. In both scenarios above, the following conditions must be maintained at all times until the person reaches his/her day 14:
  - i. Wear masks (except when isolated from others while eating)
  - ii. Ensure proper social distancing at all times
  - iii. Ensure proper washing or sanitizing of hands often
  - iv. NO SPORTS or P.E.

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,



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