



THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

Dear Families of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Columbus,

Once again, I'd like to sincerely thank you for your cooperation with Covid-19 health and safety protocols over this past year. As we approach Spring Break, I am asking for your continued support. The Diocese of Columbus has been dedicated to maintaining an educational experience that is as close to possible for our students under health and safety guidelines, and we are grateful our partnership has allowed us to do so thus far.

I want to keep our schools open and serving your children for the remainder of the year, as long as it is safe to do so. I again ask for your cooperation with the health and safety guidelines that have been put in place by the CDC and the State of Ohio. Over Spring Break, please continue to follow the basic guidelines:

- Everyone who can safely do so should wear a mask.
- Make sure everyone washes their hands frequently and uses hand sanitizer.
- Whenever feasible, maintain appropriate physical distancing.
- Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- If you are sick, remain home and stay away from others as much as possible.

If you do travel, please consult the travel advisory websites of the CDC and the State of Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and please be in communication with your school administrators and nurses. Travel is a special concern over Spring Break as some areas have higher rates of spread of Covid, putting travelers at greater risk. These rates frequently change, so if you plan to travel, please check the ODH website to determine if you are traveling to an area with a positivity rate of 15% or more. ODH asks those who have traveled to those areas to self-quarantine for 10 days. If the area to which you travel has quarantine restrictions in place, you must comply with them.

If we all commit to follow these guidelines, I am confident that we can keep our students learning in the same Tier 1 and Tier 2 settings that have worked so well this year. Thank you for doing your part and for your continued support of our Catholic school communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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