



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
Department of Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday weekend, it is important to remember the steps we are asking families to take in order to keep our school communities safe during this pandemic. Our goal is to remain healthy and continue in-person instruction. To achieve this goal, we need each family to keep their school community in mind when making plans outside of school. Our efforts will help to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus and avoid illness and long quarantines for students and their families.

The Centers for Disease Control cautions that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home, the CDC says, is the best way to protect yourself and others from coronavirus. To help keep our school communities safe, all families are discouraged from traveling.

According to our back to school requirements, families who choose to travel must notify the school of the trip. As a result of traveling, students may be subject to a 14-day quarantine before returning to school. Considerations for the quarantine include the location, trip activities and the mode of travel. At any time, a principal may require that a 14-day quarantine be required of a student due to travel in order to safeguard the health of the school community.

Travel that meets any of the following criteria will require a mandatory 14-day quarantine:

- Travel via public transportation such as plane or bus.
- Travel outside of the United States.
- Travel to the states listed under the Kentucky Department of Health travel advisory.

On July 20, 2020, an order was issued in Kentucky that limits social gatherings to 10 members or less. Please keep this in mind over the long weekend and remember to practice social distancing, mask wearing, and extra hand washing measures.

Throughout this school year, if we are to successfully sustain in-person instruction in our schools we will all have to make the necessary sacrifices to keep our children and school community safe. **Our priority is to be Healthy at School.**

As we move forward, we thank you, our parents, for your support. The health of our schools depends on the health of each individual student.

Let us continue to pray for God's guidance and protection throughout this school year so we can all share in the blessings of a Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kendra McGuire

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