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Dear Parents,

As we move forward with the reopening of school in August, in the presence of COVID, we all have an increased responsibility to help keep our children, the staff and each other healthy. While we will continue to teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practice and intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts, we need your help. If your child is exhibiting any signs and symptoms of an infectious illness please keep them at home. We are asking for an overabundance of caution if your child is not feeling well.

The main signs and symptoms of COVID to watch for include but are not limited to- fever, cough and shortness of breath. Many people report a loss of taste and smell with COVID. According to the CDC, children are less likely to present with fever as an initial symptom and may initially only complain of gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Keep your child home with any of these symptoms. Also, if your child has runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, muscle or body aches or headache think about keeping home, this is the time to err on the side of caution. Please do not medicate your child prior to the start of school with a fever reducing medication in the hope that they will make it through the day.

As per our return to school plan, we will take temperatures at the beginning of the day and any child with a temperature greater or equal to 100.4 F will remain in the car to be taken home. If during the day they become ill and have a fever they will be taken to the office and expected to be picked up within the hour. If your child is going to be absent, we ask that you call the office and notify them of reason for the absence. As recommended by the CDC we will track and record our absenteeism. We will continue to collaborate with our local health department to monitor the number of cases locally. Increased diligence from all of us will keep our children and staff safe and healthy.

Thank you for your cooperation
Tara Cuccinelli
School Nurse

St. Peter Catholic School, following the example of Jesus Christ, challenges all students to:

Grow in their Catholic faith Achieve academic excellence Demonstrate compassion for others Practice personal integrity