



Dear Catholic School Families,

As previously indicated, we will continue to communicate updates to our COVID-19 protocols. After consultation with state and local health departments, as well as our own medical advisors, we are making an adjustment to quarantine periods for travel. The following guidelines are in immediate effect for all schools (no matter their location):

- Quarantine periods for all domestic travel (travel out of Illinois) is now ten (10) days.
  - Quarantine periods may be shortened to seven (7) days if individuals present a written negative COVID-19 test result. The test must be administered no longer than 72 hours prior to arrival back in the state. Only written results are accepted (a verbal confirmation does not suffice).
  - This guidance can be applied retroactively to any out-of-state travel that occurred in early January. This may enable certain families to return to in-person learning who were unable to return to Illinois by Jan. 4.
  - This guidance does supersede the information released in the recent Parent Newsletter. We are doing our best to remain on top of frequently changing guidance from health authorities.
- Quarantines for international travel quarantine remain 14 days.
- Quarantines for COVID-19 exposure cases also remain 14-days (based upon the recommendation of all departments of public health in those jurisdictions in which the archdiocese operates and our own medical advisors).

I am grateful for your ongoing partnership and trust during this complex time.

Yours in Christ,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools