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**Notification and Quarantine Information**

I'd like to clarify our notification process and quarantine requirements as we have experienced additional positive cases in the last week.

When we receive notification of a positive case, that student or staff member quarantines for 10 days, per [Archdiocesan/CDC protocols](#). Then there are essentially three types of communication you could receive when St. Giles School has a positive case.

Anyone considered a close contact of that positive case will receive direct communication from the school and will be asked to quarantine and test due to possible exposure. This type of notification is rare because of our universal masking and social distancing. A close contact is defined by the Archdiocese as less than 3 feet apart, unmasked and indoors for longer than 15 minutes.

Secondly, families that have a child in the classroom of the positive case will be informed separately from the general school community. While we do not consider simply being in the same classroom as someone "close contact," we believe that you should be informed.

Lastly, the community is then notified separately of a case in the school. While we are not mandated by the Archdiocese or health officials to provide this information, again, we feel it is appropriate to inform our community about positive cases. Everyone receives this notification -- so it is possible you will have one child who receives the email regarding a case in his/her classroom and receive this community notification.

Our students and staff (and you!) have been excellent in following our protocols, including continuous masking and physical distancing, and we have had no concern of community spread. Our strict adherence to guidance and protocols this year will help us maintain our safe school environment.

**However, as the weather changes and more activities move inside, we ask that everyone use added caution with masking and physical distancing.** If you are carpooling from school or activities, please have all children wear masks in the car and during indoor playdates or gatherings. Continuing to work together we will keep our community safe and healthy.