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JPII Update #3: Coronavirus

Important Message from Mrs. Allin

As the news of the virus and Washington State's responses have emerged today, there have been several changes.

First, Archbishop Etienne, out of an abundance of caution and in response to the best scientific knowledge about COVID 19, has directed that there be no public celebration of Holy Eucharist. All Masses have been canceled throughout the entire archdiocese effective immediately. [>> View the Archbishop's video message.](#)

Second, the Office of Catholic Schools has given us the directive that we must follow the lead of our local school district as a minimum - if they close, we close. At this time, Olympia, North Thurston and Tumwater are all still open. We will be watching closely. School is open tomorrow unless there is a change.

Finally, our faculty and staff are intentionally monitoring, planning and operating in preparation for the predicted increase in cases of the virus. Please continue to read all the information below to stay updated.

Blessings,



Therese Allin
Principal

Preparing to Learn from Home

Our administration, staff, and faculty are preparing to transition to on-line learning should the COVID-19 outbreak make school closure necessary.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

1. WATCH for school closure information. If the virus outbreak makes closure necessary, we will immediately close for 2 days. The closure will be announced first on FlashAlert and then via email to both parents and students, on Facebook, and on the website. Now is the time to download the FlashAlert App if you have not yet had the opportunity.

2. BE PREPARED to transition to online learning. If JPII closes, we will proceed as follows:

a. DAY 1 OF CLOSURE: The school will be thoroughly cleaned (not by students)

b. DAY 2 OF CLOSURE: Faculty and staff will prepare distance learning platforms through Schoology.

c. BY 8 PM ON DAY 2 OF CLOSURE, ALL STUDENTS MUST CHECK THEIR SCHOOLGY FOR DIRECTIONS.

3. Keep the school INFORMED:

<< Please take this brief Parent Tech Survey to help us best prepare technology to support you. >>

**If you or a member of your household are home ill with fever, coughing or respiratory distress, please consider letting the school know so that we can be better informed about the state of our community's health.

Coronavirus Confirmed in Thurston County

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19, the illness caused by a novel coronavirus, in a resident of Thurston County Wednesday.

The health department was working to identify and contact everyone who may have come into contact with the confirmed case, and that the investigation is ongoing.

If You've Been Sick with a Fever...

The current risk for Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Washington State is **increasing**. With new cases of COVID-19 being identified in other counties, this suggests the illness is spreading. As we and other public health departments continue to test people, we expect to see more confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough or shortness of breath and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID19, you should stay home away from others until 72 hours after the fever is gone and symptoms get better.

If you were *potentially exposed* to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19), but you are not sick, you should:

Monitor your health for fever, cough, and shortness of breath during the 14 days after the last day you were in close contact with the sick person with COVID-19. You should not go to work or school and should avoid public places for 14 days.

What should you do if you were in close contact with someone with COVID-19 and get sick?

If you get sick with fever, cough or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are very mild), you should stay at home and away from other people. If you have any of the following conditions that may increase your risk for a serious infection —age 60 years or over, are pregnant, or have medical conditions— contact your physician's office and tell them that you were exposed to someone with COVID-19. They may want to monitor your health more closely or test you for COVID-19. If you do not have a high-risk condition but want medical advice, you can call your healthcare provider and tell them that you were exposed to someone with COVID-19. Your healthcare provider can help you decide if you need to be evaluated in person. There are currently no medications to treat COVID-19. If you have a medical



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emergency and need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you may have been exposed to COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive or immediately after they arrive.