



Immaculata

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

We are sorry to hear your child is not feeling well and pray for a quick recovery.

Per the Diocese of Raleigh and the StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit, students who exhibit any symptoms of illness while at school must be sent home (even if they feel better after taking medicine, such as a cough suppressant or fever reducer). In order for your child to return to school, please submit documentation from a healthcare provider (Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant) or the health department, stating they are cleared to return. We cannot allow students back into the school without this medical approval. Details are outlined below:

- If a student receives a **negative** result from a COVID-19 test, they can return to school once they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicines and have felt well for a minimum of 24 hours.
- If a student tests **positive** for COVID-19, they should remain out of school and isolate at home for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They may return to school after at least 10 days have past, they are fever free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medications), and all symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath.
- If a student tests **positive** for COVID-19 but shows **no symptoms**, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.
- If a child has been in **close contact** with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive—in which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine, even if they test negative.
- A child can return to school, following normal school policies, if they receive confirmation of an **alternative diagnosis** from a health care provider that would explain the COVID-19-like symptom(s), once they are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medicines and have felt well for a minimum of 24 hours.
- If a **household member** has a pending COVID-19 test for symptoms or Covid 19 exposure, everyone in the home should remain out of school until a negative result is received.

We greatly appreciate your compliance during this unprecedented time and hope your child is feeling well soon.

Thank you,

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