



Dear Catholic School families,

The safety and well-being of our students, staff and families is our top concern. With the increasing spread of the Coronavirus in our communities and across the state, the schools of our archdiocese have begun to plan and implement closures. These decisions are never easy and are being made in solidarity with our local community to implement social distancing strategies as a mechanism for mitigating the further spread of COVID19 and, in turn, protect the most medically vulnerable in our community.

We realize that closing the school for an extended period of time may be an unexpected disruption for your family, but research shows that the time to close schools is not after a case is found, but *before*.

Some of our parents may not be able to work from home so this closure provides additional challenges for them. This is a great opportunity for our communities to display Christian charity and support of one another during these times, especially to those for whom multi-day school closures might be a hardship - families for whom childcare is not readily available and would pose a financial hardship. We invite you to reach out to other school families if you are able to help provide care for their children. What a great witness to our faith, and to our school and parish communities it would be to offer this kind of help to other families!

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to re-evaluate the situation with our school pastors and principals. Our schools will continue to keep you updated on any additional changes to the calendar.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding. Please reach out directly to your local Catholic school for more information on their plans.

Let us commit to remaining united in prayer for one another, our school community and church, and our world.

May the Lord bless and protect you.

Your servant in Christ,

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