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Catholic School Families,

On January 12th, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated their COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California. After reviewing CDPH updates and those of our counties, the Diocese of San Bernardino schools have adopted new quarantine guidelines for COVID cases and exposures.

The details of these guidelines will be shared to school communities by their principal. The purpose of this letter is to clarify two differentiation points in the new guidelines.

The quarantine guidelines for COVID cases or exposures differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated, and asymptomatic and symptomatic. Those factors combined determine the quarantine time for a student, if they test positive for COVID or are exposed. Vaccinated is defined as having both doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Unvaccinated is defined as having none or only one dose of the vaccine. Symptomatic is defined as an individual exhibiting COVID symptoms as defined by the CDC. Asymptomatic is defined as having none of the symptoms as defined by the CDC.

Should your student test positive for COVID, exposed to an individual who has COVID, or exhibiting COVID symptoms, please notify the school as soon as possible and keep your student home. Information you provide will ensure the safety of the school and determine the appropriate quarantine time for your student based on vaccination status, and presence or lack of symptoms. At the time of your notification, you will be asked of your student's vaccination status. If your student is vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination to the school. Furthermore, if more than one student is in the same household, each student will be considered as an individual positive case or exposure.

A school closure is our last mediation method for COVID. Therefore, it is imperative that families be transparent about their student's symptoms and vaccination status. As communities of faith, we center ourselves in Christ as we face the collective challenges before us. We continue to ask staff, students and families to continue practicing health and safety measures to ensure each other's wellbeing.

Blessings,

Maribel Arguelles-Ortiz
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