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Dear Diocesan Educational Community:

I wanted to provide an update for you regarding our COVID-19 Health and Safety Plans and mitigation strategies. Thankfully, since my last message, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in our schools has continued to dramatically decline.

Given the ongoing and steady decline in the number of cases, we will be amending our mitigation protocols regarding contact tracing. For **in-school close contacts**, students and staff who are identified as a close contact because of a school exposure to a positive COVID-19 individual (this would include a school activity related exposure) will be notified and if they are asymptomatic, they will not need to quarantine.

In the case of students who are identified as close contacts, their parents will be informed and asked to monitor their child for symptoms. If their child has no symptoms, the student will not need to quarantine. Since the school will be notifying the individuals involved, the Principal will no longer be sending a letter with each positive case to the entire school community.

We can make this change because of the low number of cases in our schools and the tremendous cooperation we have received from all of you throughout the pandemic. As we have done, we will keep you informed of any additional modifications to our Health and Safety Plan and mitigation strategies in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education and may God bless you on your journey through Lent!

Sincerely,



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