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Subject: Coronavirus Message

Good Morning,

This is initial information on the novel Coronavirus and its impact on schools. I know school districts have sent information to families and we will be as well. Our efforts are in collaboration with the Archdiocese and how the needs of parishes and schools intersect. More guidance will be coming from the Archdiocese next week.

However, there is a lot already being posted and pushed out regarding the Coronavirus through the Washington Department of Health. The state website has good material and data buildings can use to educate staff, students and parents. One resource specifically developed for schools is "COVID-19 Schools Presentation"

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/COVIDSchoolsPresentation-2-25-20.pdf> . In

addition the flyer

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/DOHCoronavirusInfoSchools.pdf> Coronaovirus Disease 2019(COVID-19) and Schools Information for School Nurses and Administrators is a good overview.

We continue both in the Office of Catholic Schools and the Archdiocese to monitor Washington State Department of Health regarding novel Coronavirus. Currently all professional health care agencies say the risk is "low", but we will follow their professional guidance and be prepared.

Things to plan for:

Parent letter template sent to families (attached)

Deep cleaning high student, staff and family traffic areas- restroom, lunch rooms, etc.

Sending students home if they have a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting

Having students remain at home if they have a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting

Plan for school closure should the need arise with your staff: length of time, communications, student work, etc.

Communicate suspected or confirmed cases first to the Department of Health then to families and the community

Communicate your plans to the community- communicate clearly about the reason for the closures, the length of the closure, what to look for in their children— and the need for staff or students to stay at home and not congregate in other places

Closures would be determined case by case unless guided by the Department of Health for larger scale closures.

Consider posting the attached poster at entrances of the school building. (Thank you David Burroughs!)

We want to reduce fear while offering cautionary strategies. As new information emerges communications will be sent to schools.

You can help keep our schools safe for everyone by sharing accurate information with your students and community members.

Blessings,

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