



Diocese of Charlotte Office of Catholic Schools

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Dear Families in our Diocese of Charlotte Catholic High Schools,

We are grateful for the support of our families and school communities which have made returning to campus a success at this difficult time. Our schools provide a safe learning environment thanks to your diligence and the proactive safety measures and response protocols we have in place. In preparation for the coming winter, our high schools are now using the following matrix in deciding when to shift to different models of learning. This is an effort to help schools and families plan ahead and prepare for changes in instruction and activities as we continue to navigate the pandemic together.

The metrics below have been established as a result of research and in consultation with other dioceses, local health officials and the Catholic Schools Office administration. Our experience over the past several months in keeping our environment safe, identifying close contacts, and ensuring no spread or clusters of COVID-19 within any of our school communities continues to provide a strong endorsement for the decisions our schools and families are making.

Because elementary and middle schools operate in smaller cohorts and have lower numbers in self quarantine and remote-by-choice learning, this decision matrix will only apply in our high schools.

Any shift in models of instruction will be sustained for 14 days to allow for proper quarantine and consistency of instruction. We will continue to monitor each situation and will notify families as far in advance as possible when an extension or change in model of instruction is warranted.

Metrics for Shifts in Instructional Models	
Model A In-Person Instruction	Less than 1% of the total in-person student population has tested positive for COVID.
Model B Hybrid: Rotation Schedule of In-Person and Remote Learning	1% of the total in-person student population has tested positive for COVID.
Model C Remote Learning	2% of the total in-person student population has tested positive for COVID. *extra-curricular activities will not be permitted OR A total of one-third of the student population is in quarantine, self-isolating and/or operating as remote-learning-by-choice sustained learners. *extra-curricular activities will still be permitted

Regarding extra-curricular activities in Model C, in order to mitigate the possibility of spread, if 2% of the total in-person student population test positive for COVID, extracurricular activities will also temporarily cease.

If, however, a school community moves to Model C because at least one-third of the student population is in quarantine or remote learning, extra-curricular activities will continue to take place. The number of individuals learning remotely is not an indicator of an unsafe environment.

We remain committed to being “Safer, Stronger, Together.” Any decision to shift to a different model of instruction will be made after careful consideration of many factors and in collaboration with our school administrators. As health information and COVID rates evolve, we will continue to evaluate and may revise these metrics. Together we will navigate the winter and remain true to our mission of prioritizing the holistic development of our students in a safe and healthy educational and faith environment. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our Catholic schools.

In Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Gregory P. Monroe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Dr. Gregory P. Monroe, Superintendent