



Dear Bishop McGuinness Families -

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone was able to rest and enjoy the company of friends and loved ones over the last two weeks. As we prepare for the second semester, we wanted to share information regarding our return to school protocols beginning on Monday, January 3.

The Catholic Schools Office has implemented the following procedures we will use at Bishop, based on continuing research showing when the majority of infections occur and symptoms develop for the Omicron variant on Covid-19.

- Individuals who test positive and unvaccinated individuals who are in close contact with an infected individual may return to school after 5 days if asymptomatic and/or no fever for 24 hours. They should wear a mask for five days upon returning to school.
- Vaccinated individuals who are in close contact with an infected individual but are asymptomatic are not required to isolate and should wear a mask for 10 days following exposure.
- We will be shifting our contact tracing protocols to include only students who were exposed in immediate situations such as household contact, a shared carpool, or an immediate contact outside of the school day.
- Students will continue to be sent home should they be displaying symptoms after evaluation by the school nurse or professional on staff.
- All students, faculty and staff, and visitors to campus are asked to closely monitor symptoms before coming to campus each morning.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Kelli Houseknecht (khouseknecht@bmhs.us) or Alain Turret (aturret@bmhs.us).

We look forward to seeing everyone next week and are excited for the second half of the school year.

Under the Mercy,

J. Rashford
Head of School