



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

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Dear Catholic School Community,

Our Catholic schools remain committed to providing a safe learning and working environment. As Michigan is experiencing an increase in COVID cases, we remain focused on this key responsibility of operating our schools. On Friday, April 9, Governor Whitmer encouraged high schools to move to remote learning as well as to suspend athletic activities for two weeks. Decisions related to the mode of instruction not precipitated by an order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be made by individual schools. In these instances, any changes will be communicated by your building principals.

In our Catholic schools, actions related to in-person versus remote learning, as well as a pause to any extra-curricular activities is typically based on one or more of the following factors: MDHHS order, local health department order, and/or building level COVID metrics.

As we have all year, our schools will continue to adhere to orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Our schools will also continue to communicate and work with their respective health department. When building level COVID data has indicated that a move to remote learning is appropriate, our schools have voluntarily taken action to that end.

The data from across our Catholic schools indicates that in-person learning in our schools can be done in a safe and effective manner. We remain committed to the various mitigation strategies that have been in place all year. As shared in a previous communication, our Catholic schools do not face some challenges that many public schools do related to COVID mitigation. In general, our Catholic schools are able to ensure a greater level of social distancing in classrooms, have less crowding in hallways and gathering spaces, and do not provide student transportation.

As our schools are spread across Mid-Michigan, each school will continue to take action based on local/building level conditions unless directed otherwise by the MDHHS or health department. Moving forward, I will continue to collaborate with our building principals regarding in-person versus remote learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to reach out to me or your building principal.

Respectfully,

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