

Saint Dominic School

Academic Excellence - Catholic Values

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Good Morning,

Please be advised that the NJ Department of Health has added requirements to health protocols for schools.

Please read below:

Ocean County, as well as much of New Jersey, has recently been upgraded to the High Risk category according to the COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix which was determined by the New Jersey Department of Health.

In the spirit of total transparency, we are implementing the additional high risk guidelines effective immediately.

The new guidelines state any <u>siblings</u> of a student who is sent home with <u>COVID-like</u> symptoms (through our isolation room) will be sent home as well. These students will remain home for 14 days, or until the ill student tests negative for COVID-19, or an alternative diagnosis is made by a medical doctor.

The guidelines also include the requirement that any close contacts (closer than 6 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes) of the ill student be sent home for the same duration as the siblings of the ill student.

If anyone in a household is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness, children should remain at home until the test result is received. The result would determine when the children would return to school.

Parents, please notify the school nurse of illnesses and known exposure.

Based on these additional requirements, virtual learning will be provided on a case-by-case basis for those who must quarantine (with the exception of travel to states/regions on the NJ Advisory Travel list). I will discuss with the nurse and parent how long the child will be out and make a decision.

Stay strong. We will see light soon.

Sincerely,

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