



OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
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Dear families,

In the past several days our office has been closely monitoring the current public health situation regarding Coronavirus. As the number of cases in the United States has grown, and with the first diagnosed cases in our state earlier this week, we have decided to several precautions to help ensure the safety and well-being of all of our community members as many of our families have been on spring break this week.

Our schools and early learning centers will be closed on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to thoroughly clean and sanitize all surfaces, rooms, and equipment.

Effective Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, all students, parents, and employees who traveled internationally or went on a cruise during spring break, or who had an in-the-home family member who did, should refrain from coming to back to our early learning center for the recommended 14-day period, starting the day of their return to the U.S.

All students, parents, and employees who traveled domestically, particularly to areas of the country with a significant number of diagnosed cases of Coronavirus including places such as California, Colorado, Washington, and New York should also observe the recommended 14-day waiting period before returning.

Moving forward, our office, as well as your early learning center director, will continue to monitor the situation and be in contact with local officials and experts in your communities. Should it be determined that additional precautions or closures need to take place, your director will send you notifications outlining the continuing plan of action.

Please be assured that there is no higher priority than the health and safety of our students, parents, employees, and community members. We encourage you and your family to continue to implement recommendations from the CDC, WHO, the Mississippi Department of Health and local officials to help aid in the containment of the virus.

We ask for everyone's cooperation and prayers as we navigate this situation.

Sincerely,

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