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Subject: Message from HOS - School Update



Good evening parents/guardians and students,

Beneath the cloud of a small number of COVID-19 cases, we have information worthy of highlighting that I hope will bring you some ease. First, our students that have tested positive for the virus are all feeling good. What a blessing! Only a few were symptomatic.

Second, of our students that have tested positive for COVID-19, all but two have been connected to a particular program and event hosted outside of Immaculata. One of the two other students is believed to have picked up the virus from an individual also outside of Immaculata. The other of the two students is awaiting the results of a non-rapid test. We are hopeful for a negative outcome. At this time, no other students, teachers, or office staff have tested positive for COVID-19.

We see this as good news. We believe that the actions taken on Tuesday to immediately disperse everyone from campus, and the measures we have in place at Immaculata, especially wearing a mask, helped to reduce the further spread of this virus to the larger community.

I say this very aware that we are still in our 14-day-quarantine period. We know that even on quarantine-day-14, the virus can reveal itself in someone who was exposed before we went into a quarantine period and currently does not know the virus is in them.

Because of this fact, I urge everyone that has been informed of close contact to adhere to the self-quarantine request. The positive COVID-19 numbers in our area counties are on the rise again, and now it is in our very own community. We can prevent further spread by doing our part, even if it is challenging. The results will be worth the sacrifice.

I believe it is everyone's hope that when we return on October 27, it will be for the rest of the school year. So, we all need to do what we can. Please do not be naive and think it will not happen to you. Further, do not rest on a negative COVID-19 test. It is possible for someone to test negative on one day and be COVID-19 positive just a few days later.

Last night, through a commercial of all things, I was reminded of this beautiful message. It spoke to my soul and lifted by spirits. May it lift your spirits, too:

Do not fear; I am with you.

Do not be anxious; I am your God.

I will strengthen you; I will help you.

I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

God is good! He gives us what we need, right when we need it! I needed that message! Your words of support have been a wonderful blessing, too. Thank you for them!

God bless,

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Head of School

Our Lady of Healing, Pray for us!

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