



SAINT JEROME SCHOOL

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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RE: Information regarding Coronavirus

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Dear Parents/ Guardians/Parishioners,

The well-being and health of our students, staff and parish community are always a top priority for Our lady of Hope Parish and Saint Jerome School. Recent information released by the Centers for Disease Control states more cases of coronavirus disease 2019, now abbreviated COVID-19, “are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States.”

We want to share with you the steps we are taking ensure the safety of our students and staff and parishioners. While there are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in Monmouth County, we have policies in place to guide the school and parish community through these types of circumstances. We have met and will continue to meet on a routine basis as necessary.

- Every surface and every door knob is sanitized every day.
- Children are informed and reminded about healthy hygiene practices.
- Please do not send children to school if it appears that they are becoming ill. This is always good practice.
 - Despite our best efforts, many germs are passed and received during a school day. Please keep your child home when they are sick.

We will also comply with the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Department of Education of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Trenton. As we receive information regarding the COVID-19. We will publish information on the school website.

As best practice for overall health in cold and influenza season, the CDC recommends that individuals receive the influenza vaccination and engage in everyday preventive measures to prevent the spread of germs and avoid illness, such as:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people when you are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additional Resource:

CDC's dedicated 2019nCoV website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,


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Pastor


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