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Dear Trinity Families,

Our Reopening Plan stated that it is a living document, subject to change as circumstances warrant. This letter is to inform you of new guidelines we are establishing for families, faculty and staff.

Travel Out of State:

Due to the rise in cases of COVID-19 throughout the state and the country, we have made the decision to establish a Trinity Catholic Academy travel policy. There will be no exceptions made to this updated policy—which may be revisited at any point in time depending upon outside conditions.

Effective immediately, any students, teachers or staff who travel to a high-risk state as determined by Massachusetts will be required to be tested no sooner than 5 days after returning to Massachusetts. The 5 days will start from the **day and time** of arrival in Massachusetts. Written results must be reported to our Nurse, Nadine Casey. If the result is negative after the 5 days, the person will be allowed to return to school the following day. If positive, the person must quarantine for 14 days beyond the date of the test.

Close Contact:

At the regular meeting of the Southbridge Board of Health on December 10, 2020 the Board reviewed some new, more relaxed guidance with regard to close contacts to a positive case of COVID-19. It was the strong recommendation by the Board to the Administration of the Southbridge School System to exceed that guidance by maintaining the appropriate 14-day quarantine period for all persons identified as “close contacts” to a positive case. TCA is adopting this recommendation as well. Any person working in or attending TCA who is identified as a close contact to a positive case must quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the positive case. He/she may return to school on day 15 if no symptoms or sickness develops during the time of quarantine.

We continue to work with the local Board of Health which may be consulted for advice for any of the above scenarios if the need arises. During any quarantine periods, teachers will post assignments to Google Classroom so that students can stay current with their school work.

TCA's first responsibility is to keep all students and staff safe. Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to all safety protocols including mask wearing, hand washing and physical distancing. The school continues to implement its daily cleaning and sanitizing routine. We are grateful to our families for their continued efforts to keep your child home at the first sign of symptoms. These measures, taken in combination, greatly reduce the risk of additional transmissions.

We ask each and every Trinity family to take our school community into consideration as you decide what activities your family will and will not take part in. No matter how careful we are in our building, we depend on you to keep us all safe. We are all connected—our safety is in each other's hands. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. M. Citta, Principal