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Dear Trinity Families,

Our **Teaching During a Pandemic Plan** states that it is a living document, subject to change as circumstances warrant. This letter is to inform you of 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 in accordance with guidance from DESE and the CDC. 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 3 days after returning to Massachusetts and self-quarantine for 7 days. The 3 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 and after the 7 days, the person will be allowed to return to school the following day. If positive, the person must quarantine for 10 days beyond the date of the test, returning on day 11.

Close Contact:

Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period. Classroom close contact exemption is defined as an individual who is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual in the classroom while both individuals were masked, so long as the individuals were spaced at least 3 feet apart. Any person working in or attending TCA who is identified as a close contact to a positive case must quarantine for at least 7 days from the date of exposure. He/she may return to school on day 8 if they remain asymptomatic and receive a negative COVID test on day 5 or later.

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 schoolwork.

TCA's first responsibility is to keep all students and staff safe. Our student body and staff will continue to adhere to all safety protocols including mask wearing, hand washing and physical distancing. We are grateful for your continued efforts to keep your child home at the first sign of symptoms.

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. Angela Symock, Principal