



# Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

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Dear Catholic School Community,

Many of our schools recently completed the ninth week of the school year. Students, parents, staff, and teachers have settled into the new routine and all that is associated with in-person education in the midst of a pandemic. I am very grateful for the enormous amount of time and energy that our faculty and staff have committed to creating the best possible learning environment under the current conditions.

Thus far, we have been blessed to see minimal disruptions to in-person instruction. At the writing of this letter, we have only had three confirmed positive cases in our schools. The limited disruptions and low number of positive cases is the result of the continued community wide commitment to following the protocols that are in place. As we move into the second quarter of the school year, it is important that we remain committed to these measures.

Health experts have expressed concern that cases will increase as we transition into the winter season and spend more time indoors. As you consider your plans for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please review the COVID-19 related resources from the CDC as well as key metrics in areas that you may be considering traveling to.

[MDHHS-COVID-19 guidance for holiday travel and gatherings](#)  
[CDC-Holiday Celebrations](#)  
[CDC-Travel during COVID-19](#)  
[CDC-After you travel](#)  
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

To ensure a safe resumption of school following the holiday breaks and to allow us to welcome your child back to school, please adhere to CDC social distancing and mask guidelines. If you plan to travel, please review the relevant CDC resources. Please avoid travel to locations with widespread ongoing transmission. Many daily health screening forms currently in use by our schools will ask about travel over the prior fourteen days. Your travel plans and practices could limit our ability to welcome your child back to school. If you have specific questions related to this topic, please contact your building principal.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe and healthy in-person learning environment. Our diligence has been rewarded with minimal disruptions to our faith-based learning environment. I pray that we can continue this trend over the coming months.

Respectfully,

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