

Dear VRCS Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised that students at St. Stephen School have tested positive for COVID-19. Several students were directly exposed.

The administration has contacted all individuals in direct contact who need to quarantine today, Thursday, December 2, 2021.

If you did not receive a phone call, no action is required on your part.

Consequently, the following action items at the St. Stephen School campus will need to be implemented.

1. St. Stephen preschool students will move to remote instruction Friday, December 3 – Friday, December 10.

- a. Reason: COVID-19 exposure. Students will be required to quarantine to mitigate a possible spread of COVID-19.
- b. Preschool classes will resume in person on Monday, December 13, 2021.

2. No additional students at this time are required to quarantine. All students in grades K-6 will report to school as usual.

Please Note:

Please monitor your child's health over the next few days. If you or any members of your household develop symptoms of COVID-19 or have symptoms worsen, contact your healthcare professional immediately and notify me via email (laura.blake@venangocatholic.org).

I respectfully request that you commit yourself and your family to take the following steps to keep our school family safe and to permit us to continue to deliver face-to-face instruction:

- If anyone in your household has presented symptoms and is awaiting COVID-19 test results, all members of your household should isolate. Please keep your children home from school until test results come back negative. Please contact the school to arrange remote instruction.
- If your child is not feeling well in the morning, keep them home. Please remember that giving your child fever-reducing medication can mask symptoms of COVID-19 and could result in an unintended exposure of our school family to the virus.
- If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, which can mimic the common cold, we ask that you consult your primary care physician if a COVID-19 test is recommended.
- Students who are absent for three consecutive days are required to provide a doctor's excuse upon their return to school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the administration via email or by phone.

Sincerely,