Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

October 27, 2021

Dear Parents,

Mary of Nazareth has been diligent in our pursuit to keep all of our students and staff safe through these uncertain times of Covid. As new guidelines and regulations become available, we continue to update our protocols based on the best practices provided by the Archdiocese of Washington.

We have been advised by the ADW that we can change part of our protocol with regard to siblings.

- If a student is sick with Covid-like symptoms, a sibling will have to stay home *only* if there has been a known exposure to the sick sibling. The sick student will follow Covid protocols as far as testing and a doctor's visit. These protocols were laid out in the letter sent out on September 22, 2021.

    - If a student has Covid symptoms, in order to return to school, we will need proof of either a Negative PCR Covid Test or a health care provider documenting that symptoms are due to a specific alternate diagnosis. If there was a known exposure, the student may return when quarantine is completed according to Maryland Department of Health and local guidance.

- If a student is required by a physician to be Covid tested due to symptoms that cannot be explained by any other illness or testing, that child's sibling will need to stay home until PCR test results come back negative.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these ever-changing protocols. It is the goal of the administration and staff to keep our community safe and our school open. We can only achieve this goal with your continued support and understanding. And thanks to all of our community wide diligence, we are pleased to report we have had no positive cases reported in the month of October.

If you have any questions regarding these protocols, please feel free to contact Nurse Phillips or Mrs. Shea.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Friel
Principal and CEO
Mary of Nazareth School