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Catholic Schools' Office Update

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Dear Utah Catholic School Community,

I would like to give you monthly updates as to the Covid-19 case status within our system and announce any systemwide news that may be of interest to you.

Covid-19 Update

Since August 17th, we have had 10 students and 6 adults test positive for the Covid-19 virus. Currently, 8 of these cases are active and under quarantine. The other 8 individuals are back in school. As a general precaution, individuals who came into prolonged contact with these individuals were required to quarantine. Also, contact tracing has indicated that most of these cases were contracted outside of the school setting. These 16 cases occurred at 7 of our schools, with 9 of our schools reporting no active cases since the beginning of the school year. Presently, our system has approximately 4,500 enrolled students and some 500 employees.

I again thank parents for assisting our schools by keeping your children's exposure to groups outside of the school to a minimum. This continues to become increasingly important as Utah's Covid-19 case numbers continue to climb.

I wish to thank our schools' staff and administration as they remain vigilant in ensuring that safeguards are in place and that they are being followed consistently. This, I believe, has been critical in keeping our active case numbers to a minimum.

News From Around The Diocese

I would also like to inform you that the Catholic Schools' Office has requested that Judge Memorial and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary school each form study committees to gather information regarding the formation of a formal pre-K through 12 grade program at their present location. These committees will provide information to a Steering Committee established by the Catholic Schools' Office.

Currently Judge Memorial and Our Lady of Lourdes schools operate independently of each other. The committees will look at the possible academic program benefits for students and possible operational benefits for both schools. Specifically, expanding Our Lady of Lourdes school to be able to offer an early childhood program and opportunities to enhance their middle school programming by offering advanced courses and additional electives and activities.

Wishing you Christ's Peace,

Mark Longe
Superintendent of Schools