



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

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Dear St. Francis de Sales School Families:

Today, we received notification from the LMAS District Health Department, that someone associated with our school, a student in the sixth grade, has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

The safety and health of our staff and students is very important to us at St. Francis. To that end, we are working directly with county health officials to address this situation.

COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. As more cases are being confirmed across the region, including in our community, it is important to be sensible, but to also be vigilant. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

St. Francis de Sales School will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside the building. The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of this global pandemic:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home, if possible.
- If you must go out, practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people.

If you would like to learn more about COVID-19, please visit the school's dashboard at [www.sfdsraiders.com/covid-19-outbreak-dashboard.html](http://www.sfdsraiders.com/covid-19-outbreak-dashboard.html). If you do additional research, please make sure you search out links that are reliable and utilize accurate sources for information.

St. Francis de Sales School is a family, and like a family, we will get through this together. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you. I am so very thankful to be a part of this family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support.

God bless,

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