



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

Beginning next week, a new question will be added to the daily student precertification process asking the following question:

"Within the last 48 hours, have you been in close contact (withing 6 feet for 15 or more minutes) with someone who has either tested positive for COVID-19 or suspects that he/she has Covid-19?"

If the answer is yes to this question, the student will receive a red X on his/her phone and will receive the following message:

"Because you have indicated that you have had close contact with a person with confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19, you should stay home and quarantine for 14 calendar days to avoid possibly spreading the infection to others. Please have your parent call the Dean's office to report your absence."

As is our practice, upon arriving to the school, students will continue to show the administrator on duty the green check mark on their phone to gain admittance to the school.

This revised student precertification process will begin on Monday, September 28, 2020.

We have come to learn that some individuals, especially young people, can contract the COVID-19 virus but remain asymptomatic. This is why it is important for us to know if they have had close contact with anyone who tested positive for virus or someone suspected of having the virus.

If a student is at home in quarantine due to COVID-19 contact, he/she will pivot to online learning until he/she are able to return to campus. The student's teachers will be notified by the Counseling Office that he/she will be temporarily learning online. While learning online, students are expected to log in to each of their classes in a timely fashion, and to remain online for the duration of each class. We have experienced instances in which students insist they must exit an online class early due to a doctor's appointment, or some other out of school commitment. Students are expected to fulfill their daily attendance obligations, whether they are attending classes in person or online. In the event a student needs to be excused from school early, regardless of whether the student is attending school in person or online, parents must report this to our Dean's Office. Students leaving classes early without their parents first reporting it to our Dean's Office will be marked absent from that class.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

In Truth, Unity and Love,
Dr. John Harper
Principal