



SCHOOL DIRECTIVES Covid-19

The Catholic Schools Office understands that the CoronaVirus is a very fluid situation and we are closely monitoring developments and working with our school leaders on appropriate responses.

The Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are following Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) CoronaVirus guidelines.

Regarding school closures we are following the aforementioned guidelines, to download please see link below.

www.mass.gov/doc/guidance-to-elementary-and-secondary-schools-regarding-covid-19/download

Should a school have to close, the educators are prepared to carry out the academic mission of the school via various methods.

Effective immediately, all Diocese of Fall River Catholic schools are required to follow these directives:

- Suspension and cancellation of all field trips, service trips, and youth group trips until further notice.
- Suspension and cancellation of all international travel and overnight trips, and overnight retreats until further notice.
- Per MIAA, Spring sports delayed until March 30, 2020 (subject to re-assessment).
- Suspension and cancellation of all major student and adult gatherings such as galas, bingos, and dances until further notice.
- Enhanced cleaning with greater emphasis on disinfectants.
- In addition to the DESE guidelines as outlined in the link above, the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools will require a 14-day quarantine of any students, faculty, staff and volunteers who have traveled, or have household members who have traveled internationally, including all cruises.
- Any student, faculty, staff or volunteer that exhibits symptoms of illness should remain out of school at least 72 hours **after the cessation of symptoms** or until their physician deems it is safe to return.

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