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Fwd: COVID-19 Update

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Dear SBCA Family Members,

The holiday season is underway, and we are now at a critical point with COVID-19. With the rise of cases in our area and across the country, I wanted to provide an update to our COVID-19 protocols.

Positive Cases

Moving forward, only the impacted class will be notified of a positive case. The isolation of our classes ensures the potential for positive exposure is contained to that cohort. **If a positive case is linked to a larger spread, the entire school will be notified.** There has been no spread at SBCA, a testament to our rigorous protocols. We are strictly following federal law (HIPAA) which prohibits us from releasing any personal data about a student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19.

To continue our vigilant approach, we are requiring **siblings of students in impacted class(es) to also quarantine for 14 days**. While the CDC has recently updated their quarantine timelines, we are choosing to remain cautious by keeping to the original timeframe. We are monitoring frequent recommendation changes and adjusting our policies with the guidance of local health and government officials as needed.

Virtual Learning

Classes impacted by a positive case will be provided with virtual learning for the length of quarantine. Classroom teachers will provide the details. Siblings in quarantine will be provided daily assignments from their teacher and will be Zoomed into their classrooms for language arts and math lessons. A lead faculty member will facilitate individual or small group Zoom classes for these siblings to work on assignments provided by the classroom teacher. Students who are in quarantine due to travel will receive daily assignments from their classroom teacher but will not be offered Zoom options.

Travel

All students and families are expected to adhere to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Order. If returning from a high-risk state, you must quarantine for 14 days or provide a negative COVID-19 test administered up to 72 hours prior to your return to Massachusetts in order to reenter SBCA.

Reporting

If you receive a positive COVID test or have known direct contact with a positive case, the school must be notified immediately. **If you fail to report or knowingly conceal a positive test or direct contact, disciplinary action may be taken up to and including separation from South Boston Catholic Academy.** Please carefully read the attached document to review all COVID-19 policies.

Our protocols are in place to keep our children, teachers, and staff safe and healthy. These measures have helped keep our students in the classroom since August, but they require trust, mutual respect and the effort of everyone in our SBCA community.

We know this is a stressful and challenging time, but lead with kindness. This is a cornerstone of the education at SBCA and I'm asking you to model that for our children. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and compassion as we navigate this global pandemic.

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Sincerely,

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