



WASHINGTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Washington Catholic Families,

We have received a couple of questions regarding the press conference held by Gov. Holcomb and Dr. Box yesterday in which both Martin and Daviess County were identified as a hotspot for COVID-19.

Washington Catholic Schools are in daily and constant contact with the Daviess County Department of Health. In fact, we were in contact with the Daviess County Health Department after yesterday's state press conference.

Here are the facts as of 8:00 am on Thursday, August 27:

- ★ At Washington Catholic Schools,
 - Students: Grades PreK-12
 - **0 students have tested positive**
 - Staff: The definition of "staff" includes administration, office staff, teachers, teacher aides, cooks, custodians, etc.
 - **0 staff have tested positive**
- ★ Washington Catholic Schools have had **2** students who were working virtually from home because they were a close contact to someone who tested positive. They have completed quarantine and returned to school.
 - As of today, the protocol for close contacts is the following:
 - A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes with or without a mask to the confirmed positive person.
 - The Health Department along with our school will conduct the contact tracing.
 - The Daviess County Health Department will **only** notify those students who have had direct close contact with a confirmed positive person.
 - After the initial notification by the Health Department to those who are found to be a close contact, the school and/or the Daviess County Health Department will follow up with additional information. Please understand that HIPPA and FERPA Laws prevent us from sharing specific information.
 - **If your child was not a close contact, you will not be notified and you and your child will not need to isolate.**
- ★ Current Re-opening Plan is GREEN
 - GREEN means all students are on campus every day and extracurricular activities are continuing normally.
 - **We plan to stay in GREEN for at least the rest of this week and will share any updates as they are decided.**
 - Remember that our Re-opening plan is posted on our school website, www.wccardinals.org.

We are working closely with our administration, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, and the Daviess County Health Dept to protect your child's safety and advance your child's education. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding.