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Memo From: Sr. Margaret Mancuso and Sr. Marlene Pape
Memo To: Parents and Guardians
Subject: COVID Cases at Nazareth Elementary
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings in the midst of our well-deserved winter break! We hope that this greeting finds you well.

Unfortunately, over the first half of the break we have been informed of three additional COVID positive cases in our school. This brings to five the number of positive cases during the month of February. These include our First Grade teacher, one First Grade student, two Instructional Support (AIS) teachers, and a Sixth Grade student.

This is disheartening to all of us for we have done so well since September. We will be redoubling our efforts to keep the virus out of our building. Additional cleaning is taking place in all rooms during this break week. Ongoing efforts include temperature checks upon arrival, continued masking, social distancing, daily disinfecting of all surfaces, deep cleaning, and random COVID testing of students and staff. Sr. Marlene has been in contact with the Monroe County Health Department. The Health Department stated that no further action would be necessary prior to reopening after winter break.

The winter break itself has helped. By the time our students return on Monday, February 22, at least 10 days will have passed since the last date of exposure in school. That means that if someone were going to develop symptoms, in all likelihood this would have happened before February 22.

Obviously, if you notice any possible COVID related symptoms in your child, please notify your medical provider and obtain a COVID test if directed by that provider. (If the child has symptoms, a "PCR" test is required and cannot be done at school.)

If your student has no symptoms, but you would like him or her to be tested at school, please email Sr. Marlene at mpape@nazarethschools.org as soon as possible, and this testing will be done on Monday.

The First and Sixth Grade classrooms, as well as the instructional support (AIS) room, have been deep cleaned this week, in addition to the normal cleaning and disinfecting that has been taking place on a daily basis.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Sr. Marlene at the email address listed above. After the break, as of February 22, Sr. Marlene can be reached at 458-3786 x3207. We thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep our school community and all families as safe as possible during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Mancuso

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