



Archdiocese of Hartford
2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Directives for Archdiocesan High Schools and Parochial Schools

1. All students and school personnel returning from travel from a country listed as a Level 3 Health Alert will not be permitted to return to their school until 14 days after re-entry into the United States of America. China, Iran, Italy and South Korea are currently Level 3 Travel Health Notice Countries but this will most likely change as the virus continues to spread. Please visit the website for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for further information:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>
2. All students and school personnel returning from international travel that includes a visit or layover in a Level 3 Health Alert country are required to get written medical clearance from their physician before returning to school. This written medical clearance letter, signed and stamped by a licensed physician, must be submitted to the school administration.
3. All previously planned school sponsored trips outside the United States are canceled. No additional school-sponsored trips outside of the United States may be planned until further notice.
4. School water fountains are to be turned off at the water source or covered completely so that they may not be used. Students may bring in water bottles from home that should be kept in the possession of the student or in a backpack or lunch bag.
5. If a local public school district closes all its schools, the Catholic school(s) in that city/town will also close. The school administration is to contact the OEEC immediately.
6. In the event of a specific situation related to the virus in a Catholic school, the school administration should consult with the OEEC regarding a potential closure.
7. Each school administrator is to collaborate with his/her faculty to develop and approve appropriate tech and low tech (depending on the particular situation) options to be used in the event that schools would be closed. These options should be measurable in order for the school administration to know that learning objectives have been met. Hopefully, this will permit the days to be counted as school days even if the school building is closed.
8. Parents are asked to keep their children home from school if they present with flu-like symptoms or have a fever. Likewise, school personnel stay home if they present with flu-like symptoms or have a fever.
9. Teachers and parents are asked to either teach students or review good hygiene practices related to washing hands, sneezing, coughing, and touching faces.
10. School maintenance staffs and cleaning companies are to do everything possible to disinfect surfaces in classrooms, doorknobs, restrooms, and common areas. School administrators are asked to be vigilant over this.

Policy effective: March 10, 2020

This policy is subject to change as the situation develops.