



JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We received information from the San Mateo County Health Department this afternoon that a family member of a Serra student has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of the community, our campus will be closed beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 9 through Wednesday, March 11. During this period, a cleaning service will perform a deep cleaning of the entire campus. School is scheduled to resume on Thursday, March 12. We will communicate with you to confirm this date.

In the meantime:

- Students, faculty and staff are not to be on campus.
- All on-site scheduled school-related activities will be canceled, including: classes, athletics, arts, clubs, and planned field trips.
- Events held off-site will continue. Your coaches and activity moderators will communicate with you regarding schedule and venue changes.
- Tri-school classes at Mercy at Notre Dame are cancelled.
- Student-parent handbook will still remain in effect.
- We want to remind students that they must not visit other campuses during this period.

We know that this information can cause heightened concern, particularly given the ongoing news regarding COVID-19 in our community. It is important to note that we are working closely with the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the San Mateo County Health Department to ensure that we follow best practices and protocols for the safety of the community. We will update you as new information becomes available.

For the next three days, students will conduct online learning. Students should check teacher websites (and Google classroom) for assignments. They should also regularly check their Serra emails every day for school and classroom updates. Teachers will post assignments by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 9. Students will be responsible for completing assignments by their due dates.

As we have been messaging in the past weeks, it is important that we rely on preventive measures, both while at school and at home, including:

- Students should stay home if sick.
- Students with fevers must stay home. Students are required to be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Avoid close contact with people when sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Let us continue to keep the Serra students, faculty and parents in our prayers during this challenging time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Charlie McGrath at cmgrath@serrahs.com.

Sincerely,

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President

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