



**HEALTH & SAFETY – COVID-19 UPDATE
Proper Planning for Fall 2020**

May 22, 2020

Dear Cardinal Newman Community,

On a daily basis Cardinal Newman faculty and staff have been working hard to provide the excellent academic experience you deservedly expect while also organizing the planning process for determining options for the return-to-school in August.

We are pleased to provide you the following planning information update as follows:

- **Needs Assessment/Distance Learning Survey:** all students and parents will receive a survey allowing for the sharing of opinions, concerns and suggestions as related to the Distance Learning Program. Your participation will continue to help inform our decision-making and planning for the fall return to school. Student and Parent Surveys will be sent out, Friday afternoon, May 22.
- **Needs Assessment/Distance Learning Survey:** all faculty and staff will receive a survey allowing for the sharing of opinions, concerns and suggestions as related to the Distance Learning Program. Your participation will continue to help inform our decision-making and planning for the fall return to school. Faculty and Staff Survey will be sent out, Tuesday morning, May 26.
- As it relates to the planning for the fall of 2020, Cardinal Newman is focusing its energy and efforts on three plans. Per last week's community update, the first and most preferred plan will continue to be an in-person learning and start to school on the campus in August. The following three plans are:

Plan A: Begin school as planned, in person, adhering to proper protocols required, in addition to those Cardinal Newman wishes to implement

Plan B: We continue to implement the distance learning program to start school until we are able to execute in-person learning and teaching

Plan C: Prepare for more stringent social distancing by developing a Hybrid Plan allowing for:

- 2 days of student learning on campus
- 2 days of student distance learning program from home
- 1 wellness day

The Administrative Team and Academic Council are leading the efforts for the determination and execution of the three plans. Our planning work will be guided by the information and results received through the Student, Parent, Faculty and Staff surveys.

School leadership will continue to consider the advice from the CDC in terms of preparing for resuming in person learning and teaching. Please also be aware that our plans will be based on what the local County Health Officer allows, as well as what guidance is provided by the Diocese of Santa Rosa and what our faculty and staff feel most comfortable with. We are also keenly aware that in this new normal we must remain responsive to those who personally, or within their family, may be immunocompromised and make individual adjustments as necessary for students, faculty and staff.

We share this planning, while still incomplete, because our school community needs matter and you deserve to know the direction of our current work efforts. We remain hopeful and excited to be together in the fall; however, please know that these plans may change as required by county, state or federal mandates and guidance.

We will continue to communicate our planning efforts and decisions for a return to school as soon as is reasonable and within the guidelines of county, state, federal and school specific guidelines. In addition to written updates, we will be offering the return to school plan information via future Zoom meetings possibly by grade level. Stay tuned for more information.

We wish to express our deepest thanks to each and every one of you, most especially our students and your family for continuing your educational growth at Cardinal Newman. While we know it is harder to learn from home, our students are no less impressive and we send our deepest gratitude and fondest wishes to you.

Know that you are all remembered most especially in our daily thoughts and prayers.

Most sincerely,

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