

Subject: Confirmed COVID-19 Case at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Dear Staff and Families,

We have learned that a St. Elizabeth employee/student has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The employee/student was last at the school on November 6. To ensure the health and safety of our families and staff, following CDC guidance, St. Elizabeth completed an appropriate cleaning and disinfection of our school.

Students and staff who have been identified as having been in prolonged close contact with this individual have been notified via a separate communication. You/your child are not in this group. As a reminder, prolonged close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more. Those who had brief, casual contact with an infected individual are not considered at great risk of transmission and, for most people, the illness is generally mild and can be safely managed at home. As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately.

We continue to follow local, state and national guidelines as we ensure proper protocols and preventative measures are in place for the health and safety of our staff and students.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your medical provider to discuss evaluation and testing.

For severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or difficulty waking up, or bluish lips or face, please seek the closest emergency department or call 9-1-1 immediately.

Any individuals who are sick with or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and away from others for at least 10 days since their symptoms first appeared and at least 1 day (24 hours) with no fever (without using fever-reducing medications) and improved symptoms, whichever is longer.

For any additional COVID-19 questions or support, please visit your local department of health website the most reliable information. The health and wellness of our staff and students are the highest priority of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Sincerely,

Kristine Hillmann, Ed.D.
Principal