

Bishop Brady High School  
COVID-19 Update  
March 13, 2020



Dear Bishop Brady community members,

The health and safety of our community remains a top priority and we are continually monitoring the evolving status of the COVID-19 virus in our community and in the state of New Hampshire. We have reviewed the Considerations for School Closure, the Guidance for School Settings, as well as the enhanced cleaning protocols from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We are following the recommendations set forth by the Department of Education, the Catholic Schools Office, and local health officials at the Department of Health and Human Services. We have also been in contact with our colleagues at other area schools. At the present time, Bishop Brady High School will remain in full operation for daily face to face instruction but we have postponed some events which will be noted at the end of this memo. We will continually reassess our status and make additional modifications as needed.

For the better part of the last two weeks, the Building Leadership Team at Bishop Brady has been reviewing protocols, and preparing to manage risks as they unfold. Faculty have created a broad range of contingency plans for remote instruction to ensure the continuation of the curriculum. The administrative team is working on a set of instructions for students on how to access the remote platform as well as an informational sheet for parents to understand the online expectations. Should there be a need to disrupt face to face instruction **at anytime**, we will be ready to begin within 24 hours of that change being implemented. Given the state of flux with regard to this virus, we can move to this platform whenever needed and we have the full approval of the Department of Education to do so. As this may be a quick decision, we have asked teachers to be able to provide supplemental materials for their assignments in case students do not have a specific textbook at home. Some of our books have online components that students are already utilizing. There is also the possibility that individuals may access the building to retrieve materials with prior approval.

In the building, each classroom is equipped with hand sanitizing stations and additional stations were added to large common areas in the school this week. Our cleaning solutions meet the requirements of the CDC for disinfecting surfaces and our maintenance personnel have increased the frequency of surface cleaning of door knobs, railings, tables, and restrooms. Our teachers are pitching in wiping down desktops and tables as well as keyboards, and their own personal devices.

We encourage all students and staff who are not feeling well to remain at home. Specifically, anyone with a fever or respiratory illness should not return to school until they have been fever free for more than 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

We continue to remind all members of the community that frequent and rigorous hand washing with soap and water is the best defense for the spread of this virus. Hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol content are also helpful. Please note that alcohol free hand sanitizers will not decrease the spread of the virus. A student today asked if there were specific brands of cleaning products that are

most helpful. There is a list on the CDC website page regarding cleaning and disinfecting. Any cleaning product with an alcohol content of 70% or better will clean surfaces. All Chlorox, Lysol, and Purell products meet this criteria.

Beginning immediately and until further notice, we are asking **all employees and all families to report any travel outside of the state of NH** to a school administrator (Mrs. Elliot, Mr. Ling or Mr. Bergeron). In addition, we have established the following Self-Quarantine policy:

**Self-Quarantine Policy:** If you fall into any of the following categories, please plan to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- Students or employees who have been in **close contact with a person with suspect or confirmed COVID-19.**
- Students or employees that have **traveled anywhere outside of the United States.**
- Students and employees with **immediate family members** who have just returned from China, South Korea, Iraq, or any location in Europe.
- Students or employees that **have been on cruise.**
- Students or employees who have traveled to, visited, or spent time in these specific U.S. areas: the **New York City metro area, the Westchester and New Rochelle areas of NY, the Seattle metro area, and Southern California.** **Additional areas may be added as the situation changes.**

Bishop Brady is committed to maintaining a safe environment for both students and staff. As such, the following community activities and events have been changed.

- Effective immediately, the weight room is closed and will remain closed until further notice.
- All school related travel is suspended until April vacation. This includes all field trips.
- Trips scheduled for April vacation and later will be reviewed over the next two weeks.
- The Blood Drive scheduled in April has been postponed.
- The Monte Carlo Night fundraiser on April 18<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.
- The start date for all NHIAA spring sports will be pushed out to early April and schedules will be abbreviated.

On Monday, we will regroup and assess additional upcoming events in light of further changes with regard to COVID-19. We will begin to post regular updates on both the portal and the school website. Please reach out directly to me with any specific questions or concerns. This is a stressful and uncertain time for all of us. I ask for your patience and your prayers as we continue to navigate this journey.

Respectfully,

Andrea Isaak Elliot  
Principal

