



# Holy Family Catholic High School

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Covid Update  
March 18, 2021

## **NEW NUMBERS THIS WEEK**

We have new COVID numbers this week, and I'm pleased to share we have only one (1) confirmed case of COVID, breaking the trend from the last three weeks. I want to **thank and congratulate** this community on your response to what was some alarming information and increasing numbers in the building. With everyone on board, we were able to quickly identify, contain, and drastically mitigate the virus's spread. Well done, Holy Family!

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## **NEW ONLINE ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students will only be allowed to attend classes online if they are permanent online learners, on quarantine as directed by the school and/or public health, or have a lab-confirmed case of COVID.

This change is necessary because of the increased difficulty of navigating attendance for students who are misusing the online platform and making it more difficult for our teachers to teach. The online learning platform was never intended to serve as a source of convenience for those choosing not to attend school in person, rather a necessary tool to support students needing to be at home due to COVID-related factors. Students who are home ill for the day will resume in-person education when they are feeling better.

If you are newly requesting online learning or are home for quarantine purposes, please contact the school office: [schooloffice@hfchs.org](mailto:schooloffice@hfchs.org).

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## Travel & Behavior Over Spring Break

If you intend to travel over Spring Break, please familiarize yourself with the CDC guidelines and recommendations for travel, found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>.

Please continue to be careful and **prioritize in-person education** over Spring Break, whether you travel, or stay in Minnesota. That means:

- Continue to wear a mask in public and with people outside your family circle.
- Social distance in public and with people outside your circle.
- (crowds that don't allow for social distancing and places where you can't or don't mask up).

If you didn't follow the above recommendations, we would ask that you follow the 7-day quarantine after the break and test 3-5 days after participating in risky behaviors. Contact the school office ([schooloffice@hfchs.org](mailto:schooloffice@hfchs.org)) if this is the case.

Travel itself is not a reason to quarantine, provided you can follow the proper safety protocols. That said, it also doesn't suggest that you are necessarily safe to return to school. You must consider whether you followed the appropriate safety protocols and then take the proper and responsible next steps.

Be safe, be smart, have fun, and help ensure that we can continue in person for the rest of the year.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.