

ST. JOSEPH'S



CATHOLIC SCHOOL

As mentioned in earlier communications, the school has hired a contact tracer. In the role of St Joseph's contact tracer, Dr. Laure Utecht will identify and contact families of any student that might have exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. All information gathered will be kept confidential.

Families should notify Dr. Utecht immediately by using the [COVID-19 Exposure Form](#) (preferred method), emailing at contacttracer@sjcatholicschool.org, or calling or texting her at 864-549-6541 if they have either of the following:

- (1) A student who tests positive for COVID-19 or
- (2) A student who is identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19

This contact information will also be available on the SJCS website.

After Dr. Utecht is notified, she will gather information from the student and family regarding the student's positive COVID-19 test. Positive cases and close contacts will have to isolate/quarantine based on CDC and DHEC guidelines.

Dr. Utecht will research which members of the SJCS community were in close contact with the student who tested positive (teachers, classmates, teammates, activities, study halls, etc.) and will contact those families. The involved families will first get a "generic form email" from Dr. Utecht. This will be utilized so that all families can be notified as soon as possible of probable COVID-19 exposure. Subsequently, each family of a suspected close contact will be contacted individually to verify contact and to confirm that quarantine is necessary, again based on CDC and DHEC guidelines.

All students that have been told to quarantine will not be allowed on the school campus or to participate in any sports/activities during that time. The SJCS Remote Learning Specialist, Julie Rzipinski (jrzipinski@sjcatholicschool.org), will be in contact with quarantined students to coordinate their continued education while they are away from the school.

Our student and staff health is very important and we are putting procedures in place to help keep our community healthy.

Thank you,
Keith Kiser
Headmaster