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Sancta Maria
Catholic Primary School
'Growing in Faith Together'

Dear Parents / Caregivers

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Ministry of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school Principals and Board Chairs on this issue over the last few weeks.

Our school will follow the daily updates from the Ministry of Education and Health. Here is the current advice to us all –

Everyone should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- Regularly wash your hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap, and dry thoroughly)
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze
- Stay at home if sick
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- If you feel unwell avoid public gatherings and events

Thank you to the families who complied with our request to stay at home for two weeks after returning from the affected areas. We appreciate your consideration of others and are pleased to have you all back at school.

Further information can be found on the following websites: [Novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#) and [Ministry of Education –COVID-19](#)

Yours in Christ

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