



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Community,

Last night and again today we received notifications of additional positive COVID-19 cases in the student body and faculty. Although several of the cases I previously notified you about have run their course and are no longer considered active, we have these additional cases now reported, which brings our current total to five. Individuals considered to be in close contact with the latest positive people have been notified separately from this message; if you did not receive a message to that effect, your son is not considered to have been in close contact.

Contact tracing has linked several of the cases to exposures outside of CBA, but other origins cannot be identified. The Department of Health is again referring to the NJDOH COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix and indicating school closure for fourteen (14) days to prevent community spread. As such, CBA's entire student body will move to the fully remote, online learning schedule beginning tomorrow, November 11th, and continue online through the Thanksgiving Holidays. Our first day back on campus will therefore be after Thanksgiving weekend on Monday, November 30th.

After multiple consultations and negotiations, outdoor extra-curricular programs will be allowed to continue during the online period, as long as no one in a cohort is sick or has been exposed. Indoor extra-curricular activities unfortunately cannot go on during the online period, but we are allowing after school programs scheduled for today to go on as planned, since we are already here. The Junior Tie Ceremony scheduled for next week is postponed until the spring of 2021.

Our Campus Minister, Mr. Butler, will arrange several days during the online period to receive contactless food drop offs for the Thanksgiving food drive.

The plan right now is to return on Monday, November 30th and hold in-person school for the three weeks leading up to Christmas break. In order to safely do that, it is important that during the online period students limit going out and engaging with a lot of other people, to the extent possible. If we do that through the 14-day period, we will exhaust any possibility of CBA spread and start fresh on November 30th.

Interviews have revealed that the cases with origins outside of CBA have again been indoor club sports, but also social gatherings at people's houses. Again, the ability to keep CBA open for in-person instruction will depend not only on everyone's actions during school, but also while out of school.

Please be aware and remind your sons of the remote online learning schedule, which consists of four blocks a day. The periods for each day can be found on the school calendar and website. Students already have the Zoom links for each class, since those were made available by all teachers in the beginning of the school year. Mr. Meehan, Dean of Students, will be tracking online attendance throughout the remote online learning period.



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Once again, I know this may seem disappointing, but this possibility continues to always be there and it is something that we prepared for. We are doing our due diligence with this online period to protect the CBA community and then plan to return to campus for in-person instruction. As I have stated before, we continue to believe that in person instruction is what is best for our students' education and development.

May God bless you in your role as parents during these difficult and uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fales