



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

11/15/20

Dear Catholic School Community,

Earlier this evening, 11/15/20, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an [order](#) that included the closing of all high schools across the state beginning on November 18, until December 8, 2020. As we did in the spring, our high schools will comply with this order. Our high schools will continue to offer instruction remotely during the closure. The order also prohibits any extracurricular and or athletic activities associated with schools, regardless of grade level or building. Specific information in terms of learning and teaching expectations during this period will be communicated by your principal.

The recent order allows kindergarten through 8th grade buildings to continue to operate, at the discretion of the district. For our Catholic schools, this will allow each school to make a decision related to K-8 education that will best serve its respective community. Each school may respond differently based on local health conditions, as well as factors related to staffing and operations. All our elementary schools have stressed the importance of cohorting students. Cohorting can reduce the impact of a positive case and/or the need to quarantine students and faculty, thereby allowing in-person instruction in classrooms where it is safe to do so.

We will continue to monitor this situation and how it may impact your child and our schools. Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this new set of directives from the MDHHS.

MDHHS Resources:

[MDHHS Order, 11/18/20](#)

[MDHHS Pause to Save Lives Graphic, 11/18/20](#)

[MDHHS Social Gathering Guidance, 11/18/20](#)

Respectfully,

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