





Dear Parents,

Ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is a top priority of Saint Albert Catholic Schools, especially during this season of increased influenza activity and an emerging public health situation. We recognize the rising levels of concern regarding Covid19 and want to assure you that we continue to closely monitor recommendations made by local, state and national health authorities and will keep you informed as we receive new information.

Although the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has determined that the overall risk to Iowans remains low, we are taking precautions and are in the process of creating a plan which will be communicated in the event that actions to keep the community safe become necessary.

To prevent the spread of illness within our building, including the common cold and flu, practices have been implemented which include additional cleaning procedures and the use of medical grade products to ensure that classrooms and other common areas are thoroughly disinfected. **We also recognize the importance of educating our students and staff about everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs, including routine and thorough handwashing and reminders to stay home when they are ill.**

Each classroom will receive medical grade disinfectant spray. This fall, more hand sanitizer stations were placed throughout the school. We will increase those stations in the coming days. Our teachers are running low on disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer (must have at least 60% alcohol) in the classrooms. If you would like to donate those materials, please have your children bring them to their teacher or office.

When a new disease is circulating, it's natural for people to be concerned and to ask what they can do to protect themselves and their families. The IDPH has provided a resource, the Coronavirus FAQ for Schools, which can be found at the end of this letter.. Also, the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus can be found on the [CDC website](#).



This is an evolving situation that we will continue to reassess based on the recommendations of local health experts. If the situation in our area changes, additional information will be communicated. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Saint Albert administration team so that we may address any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

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