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Our Lady of
Mercy College

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Confirmed Covid Case

Our Lady of Mercy College has received information that a member of our community has tested positive for COVID-19. The student did not attend school while infectious.

Students and staff deemed a close contact by WA Health or the College will be contacted and must follow the advice provided.

Advice for all families and staff:

- The school remains open.
- As for everyone in Western Australia, we ask that you monitor your student/yourself for symptoms of COVID-19
- If any member of your family feels unwell, get tested and isolate until you receive a negative result.
- Please note that the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as diarrhoea, particularly in children.
- If you or your child develops symptoms, please do not attend school.

As a Catholic school, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our priority as is showing care and support for all members of our community. I would ask that you pray for our community members who are now having to isolate and thank you for your support in this time. This development may make your child feel worried or anxious, as it may for many of us who are parents. It is important to remember that you can help your child at this time, first by listening attentively to their concerns, and then by providing some reassurance.

Please refrain from sharing this news via social media and allow the school, CEWA and WA Health to communicate the facts – protecting both the privacy and dignity of all concerned.

I will keep you updated with any new information. Please be alert for further communication from ourselves and WA Health.

If you have queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact me. If you have health concerns, please contact WA Health on 1300 316 555 or at email PHOpsClinical@health.wa.gov.au.

The College has uploaded related information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to our College website.

Regards,

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