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Our Lady of
Mercy College

Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID Update

This week we have had a small number of Covid positive cases, two from the weekend and three during this week. These cases were identified in Years 8 and 10.

Please note the difference between a school close contact and a household close contact. School close contacts are allowed to return to school, provided they have had a negative RAT result and have no symptoms. They are only allowed to travel between home and school. Household close contacts are required to isolate for 7 days.

Please find below a link to a letter from the Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), Dr Debra Sayce, in relation to the current Covid situation and very high caseloads: [CEWA Communication to Parents/Caregivers](#)

Families are welcome to contact the College to inform us of Covid test results or make use of the [Self Reporting Portal](#) and [Safe Return to School Form](#).

Advice for all families and staff:

- The school remains open.
- Please notify the College as soon as possible if your child tests positive to either PCR or RAT
- 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 always, the College appreciates your patience and cooperation during these everchanging times.

Regards,

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