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Dear Mount Carmel School Families,

It was recently announced by the CNMI Office of the Governor and the CNMI Public School System that three individuals were confirmed positive through surveillance testing. Based on the developing situation and current information disseminated by both official agencies, ***Mount Carmel School has decided to continue with face-to-face classes, with parents given the option of keeping their students at home for tomorrow's classes.*** This decision was reached for the following reasons:

- The CNMI Public School System issued a district wide memo stating non-affected schools will continue with face-to-face classes
- The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force is conducting contact-tracing to mitigate any community spread
- The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the CNMI Public School System are still working to collect official data and information to make any island-wide executive orders and
- We have been assured by CHCC that the school's current COVID-19 mitigation protocols are more than adequate to prevent spread at the school, which we will continue practice

Mount Carmel School's current COVID-19 mitigation protocols are more than adequate to prevent spread at the school, which we will continue to do as follows:

- Conducting temperature and symptom checks for all incoming employees, students, parents, and guests
- Requiring everyone on campus to wear a mask
- Enforcing a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others
- Continuing the use of plexiglass partitions in classroom
- Continuing the use of UVC lighting fixtures in all classrooms, which kill all types of coronavirus particles circulated in the rooms
- Continuing procedures for ensuring physical distancing during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up



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All faculty, staff, administrators, and vendors will also reinforce all COVID-19 mitigation guidelines set forth by the school and the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

We also have received several inquiries about the continuation of the Halloween Festival this Saturday, October 30, 2021. At this time, the school's leadership has decided to wait for more information from the CNMI Office of the Governor and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force before making any decision about the continuation of the event. An official notice will be given by tomorrow, October 29, 2021.

Despite these measures and assurances, we understand that some families may feel anxiety and uncertainty over the current situation. That is why we will allow families to keep their children home if they so choose. Please just notify teachers and/or the main office. Student absences will be excused and we will do what we can to continue student learning with asynchronous and synchronous options for tomorrow's classes.

We also urge all families to remain vigilant in their efforts to stop the spread with these three simple Ws:

- **Wash** your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- **Watch** your distance by maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and other people you don't live with.
- **Wear** a mask in public settings around people who don't live in your household.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, be sure to follow any of our media platforms linked below or reach out to us by email.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mtcarmelcnmi>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mcsknights/?hl=en>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/MCS_KNIGHTS
MCS COVID-19 Preventative Measures: <https://mountcarmelsaipan.com/covid-19-preventative-measures>

Sincerely in Christ,

John S. Blanco
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