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Catholic school community,

There is considerable conversation among parents, teachers, administrators, and health officials regarding the start of students back to school for in-person learning. The Governor has lifted the stay-at-home order and now the colored tier system is what the local health departments will use to advise the counties. We are currently in the Purple Tier in the Tier system. What we do know is the case rate (CR) needs to be below 25 per 100,000 according to the CDPH. The current CR metric for County of San Bernardino is 33 per 100,000. The CR for the County of Riverside is 44 per 100,000.

It is allowable for schools in California to open when the following metrics are met for 5 consecutive days:
1. CR <25/100,000
a. Grades K – 6th
2. CR <7/100,000
a. Grades 7th – 12th

The principals have completed the required local and state health department documents (CSP – Covid Safety Plan, CPP – Covid Prevention Plan, and Covid-19 School Guidance Checklist) review and approval. Once the metrics are met, our diocesan leadership will make the determination when to reopen our schools. Our schools possess the PPE material needed to protect our students and teachers. Our teachers are navigating the vaccination registration and availability process. It is only recently that teachers in both counties were eligible for vaccination.

The schools in our diocese are required to follow state and local health department guidelines. The Office of Catholic Schools remains in continual communication with the health departments and is poised to make adjustments to the new guidelines and requirements as they unfold. We continue to pray that our community will follow the safety protocols set forth to ensure best care for all.

Peace and Blessings,

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