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Dear Immaculata Community,

Earlier this week, I wrote to the community to provide some clarity regarding the 'COVID Regional Risk Matrix' and how it relates to our school and specifically the length of quarantine periods. I am happy to report that the risk level for our area (Central West) has been lowered from 'Orange' to 'Yellow.'

With that in mind, we are able to adjust quarantine periods for individuals who are considered 'Close Contact' with COVID positive people. Based on the lowered criteria, "Moderate or Low (yellow or green) exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days. *(or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days).*" Therefore, students that were quarantined this week (and moving forward) will be allowed to return to school/activities on the 8th day with a Negative COVID test. Documentation of the negative test will be required to return to school. Students currently out of school on required quarantine should contact the Academic Office about a return date only if they have received their negative test results on or after the 5th day of their exposure.

Additionally, we have received some great news from the NJSIAA. Effective immediately, on campus sporting events will allow 2 parents/guardians per participating athlete to attend the event. These events will remain closed to the general public and so we will be continuing the live stream. The IHS Athletic Office will be in touch with the families about these changes.

As we take these exciting steps forward, we are reminded that other COVID policies and mitigation practices remain in place, such as mask wearing and social distancing. We thank you in advance for your continued support in this area.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for Us!

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Full details regarding Immaculata's COVID response and compliance can be found here:
"Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools" updated 1/19/21.
[COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#)