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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may be aware, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) confirmed two cases of measles among household members in Platte County, Nebraska on December 30, 2025.

In the event that the measles virus spreads to a Catholic school(s) in our Diocese, the following protocol will be followed for children and/or staff members consistent with the direction of the local health department:

- The person with measles must stay home from school and school activities until he/she is cleared by a medical provider in coordination with the local health department (at least 4 days after rash onset if measles is confirmed).
- All unimmunized students and staff exposed to the person with measles are excluded from school for 21 days from the last known case in the school. For example, if there are three measles cases in the school, the 21-day period will start on the date of the most recent exposure. (The incubation period of measles is 7-21 days.)
- All students and staff who have received two doses of the MMR vaccine can remain in school unless they exhibit measles symptoms.
- If a student/staff member has received one dose of the MMR vaccine, he/she can remain in school. It is recommended by health officials to receive the second dose when appropriate.
- If an unimmunized student or staff member receives the first dose of the MMR vaccine within 72 hours of exposure, he/she may remain in school and monitor for symptoms of measles.

This protocol is based on the advice and direction of local health departments. Further, state regulation requires schools to exclude children/staff with measles symptoms from school and isolate unimmunized students and staff who are exposed to measles.

This information is provided to you as parents and guardians so you are aware how the school will respond to a measles case in the school and how it will effect your child.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ,

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