



Dear Families,

During these times of the novel coronavirus, we here at St. Ursula School have been actively planning and working toward offering our normal in-person academic year, with appropriate precautions and measures in place that are consistent with applicable public health restrictions and guidance. Although challenges created by the coronavirus continue to develop and change almost daily and much remains uncertain, we are certain of the following:

1. The health, safety, and welfare of every member of our school community is our highest priority.
2. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). Medical knowledge regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve, but COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious and is believed to spread through person-to-person contact and/or contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, possibly even in the air. The exact methods for spread, contraction, and infection are unknown and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and/or death.
3. The measures we take to protect our school community from COVID-19 will continue to be informed by the most up-to-date advice from federal, state, and local public health officials.
4. Even with the precautions and measures we implement, no one, including St. Ursula School can guarantee an environment without risk of the spread of COVID-19. It is simply not possible to do so. For more information about the nature of the virus, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
5. In addition, minimizing the risk of COVID-19 spread or spread of any other disease is a shared responsibility. All members of our school community, including you and your student, must do their part. In addition to basic hand hygiene (frequent washing and sanitizing) and respiratory etiquette (not coughing into one's hand or in close proximity to others), this includes adhering to any measures that we as a school may deem appropriate, such as temperature checks, social distancing, wearing cloth face coverings, isolating or quarantining away from the School when required, and other precautionary measures. Your student's compliance is necessary not only for the safety of your student but also for the safety of others. Individuals should not enter our school campus if they have a fever or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. For more information about symptoms, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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6. If your student has any disability you think may require accommodations related to COVID-19 or if your student, because of underlying medical conditions, may be at increased risk, you should contact the School to discuss further. Please contact our school nurse, Christine Bauer by calling 410-665-3533 or e-mailing health@stursula.org.

7. If your student enters the St. Ursula School campus, there is an inherent risk that your student could be exposed to and contract COVID-19. By allowing your student to enter the S.U.S. campus, you indicate your acknowledgement of and agreement to accept and assume this risk on behalf of your student.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to stay safe and pray for those affected by this worldwide pandemic. We kindly ask that you and your student sign and date where provided to indicate your understanding and acknowledgement of the contents of this letter. In signing below, you merely acknowledge that you have received and reviewed this document and that you understand the inherent risks associated with COVID-19 to your student while your student is present on the School campus.

Together in Christ.



By my signature below, I acknowledge I have received the above warnings regarding the risks to my student of exposure to and contraction of COVID-19 while my student is present on the School campus. I further acknowledge and agree that by allowing my student to be present on the School campus and attend the School, I have assumed those risks on behalf of my student.

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature	Date
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Name of Student (printed)	Signature	Date
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