



March 22, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to announce that St. Ursula School, along with many other Archdiocesan Catholic schools, is partnering with the Maryland Department of Health and the University of Maryland Medical System/St. Joseph Medical Group to provide on-site **COVID-19 Testing** for students, teachers, staff and volunteers. The ability to conduct a 15-minute RAPID test and PCR testing at St. Ursula will assist us in keeping our school open, safe and healthy by taking immediate actions to address COVID-19 concerns.

St. Ursula School is seeking your consent to test your child for SARS-CoV-2 the virus that causes the novel coronavirus COVID-19. With your consent, our nurse will administer a 15 - minute RAPID test and PCR test if your child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, as defined by the Maryland Department of Health. In addition, we will be utilizing our testing capability to conduct testing of symptomatic teachers and staff and surveillance testing among our teachers, staff and volunteers for asymptomatic COVID-19 infection.

The COVID-19 Testing Program is entirely voluntary and meant to provide a safe, convenient and prompt means of having your child tested should COVID-19 symptoms arise at school. The Testing Consent Form, along with Fact Sheets on the COVID-19 Rapid and PCR tests, provides details on how testing will be conducted and how the test results and information will be shared as part of this Program. To facilitate your review of the Program and approval to participate, we have created a COVID-19 Testing Consent Form in your child's "[SchoolAdmin Account as a Checklist Item](#)" for you to complete. Once you are logged into your SchoolAdmin account, please click the green "Continue Enrollment Process" button. The Testing Consent form will be at the bottom of your enrollment checklist. If you are unable to access your SchoolAdmin account, please contact Lauren Calva at lcalva@stursula.org or 410-665-3533.

Please know that your child's education will in no way be affected by your decision of whether or not to participate in this program. If you do not wish for your child to participate

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is this testing and they are symptomatic, you will continue to have the option to have your physician provide an alternative diagnosis or have your child independently tested for COVID-19 and provide a negative test result to the school.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Program, please contact Christine Bauer at 410-665-2472. Our plan is to have testing available beginning the week of March 29, so we encourage you to complete the consent form in ***SchoolAdmin*** as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

We appreciate your partnership and commitment in keeping our St. Ursula community safe and healthy.

God is Good, All the Time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Costante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Principal

cc: Christine Bauer