Re: Out of State Travel

October 9, 2020

Dear St. Ursula Families,

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Department of Schools and St. Ursula School continue to work closely with the Maryland Department of Health, the Baltimore County Health Department, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention regarding safety guidelines and recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Maryland Department of Health has issued a public health advisory for out of state travel, which states that Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. The CDC warns that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 and recommends that the best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home.

Within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we continue to work diligently to mitigate the risks of COVID-19. St. Ursula School has established a policy whereby both students and staff must notify school administration in writing if they intend to travel to a state or country with a positivity rate for COVID-19 of 10% or greater during the period of their stay (see https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview if the state you are visiting has reached that threshold). In the event that students and/or staff members elect to proceed to visit a state with a positivity rate of 10% or greater, those traveling will be required upon their return to provide evidence of a negative PCR test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic or they have completed an entire 14-day quarantine.

Upon a student's return from out of state travel, he/she will receive the classwork that he/she missed and access will be provided to participate in distance learning while the student waits to return to school. The school has and will continue to evaluate our recommendations as informed by MDH and CDC.

Thank you as always for your shared partnership.

In Christ,

Rob Costante
Principal