



Catholic Junior College

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Dear JC1 Parents/Guardians

Updates on Safe Management and Ring-fencing Measures (21 July 2021)

1. In line with the national shift to Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) [P2(HA)] from 22 July to 18 August, to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our students and staff, there will be further tightening of the Safe Management Measures (SMM).
2. We seek your continued cooperation to **keep your child at home and immediately inform your child's Home Tutor (HT) when faced with the following situations:**
 - a) Your child or a household member (above 6 years old) has flu-like symptoms: Student will be able to return to school once his/her or the household member's COVID-19 test result is reported to be negative. If the student or his/her household member has undergone both an ART and PCR swab test, the student should only return to school after the PCR test result is negative.
 - b) Your child and/or any of your household members have to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster. Student will be able to return to school once his/her or the household member's COVID-19 test is negative. Similar to the previous paragraph, if the student or his/her household member has undergone both an ART and PCR swab test, the student should only return to school after the PCR test result is negative. For household members who are required to undergo routine testing due to work nature, the student can continue to come to school.
 - c) Your child and/or any of your household members are issued an MC due to flu-like symptoms but unable to produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result by the end of the MC. For this scenario, he/she will be placed on Approved Absence (AA) for a further 5 days after the date of expiry of his/her MC. You can log-in onto healthhub to capture screenshot of PCR swab test outcome. Your child should only return to school after the PCR test result is negative.
 - d) Your child and/or any of your household members are placed on phone surveillance with or without mandatory PCR test required by MOH.

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e) Your child and/or any of your household member have been issued a **Health Risk Warning (HRW) or Health Risk Alert (HRA)**. More information regarding HRW / HRA status can be found at: go.gov.sg/hrw-hra. Please note the following school- based measure if students, including their household members, received an SMS from MOH with either a HRW or HRA:

	Examples of Possible Public Health Actions by MOH	School-Based Measures	
		For Students who have received HRW or HRA SMS	For Students with Household Members who have received HRW or HRA SMS
Health Risk Warning (HRW) <i>Persons identified to be a casual contact of a COVID-19 case, or have visited specific higher-risk hotspots on the same day as a COVID-19 case</i>	Individuals may be required to undergo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry PCR swab, isolate till negative test result • Self-administered ART on D7 • Exit PCR on D14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is to be placed on AA and will only be allowed to return to school if his/her exit PCR swab test is negative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student are to be placed on AA and can return to school as long as their household member's entry PCR swab test is negative, and their household member is well.
Health Risk Alert (HRA) <i>Persons identified to have visited hotspot areas or their vicinity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhortation for individuals to monitor health and to minimize social interactions for 14 days from date of last exposure 	Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student will be strongly encouraged to be tested and monitor their own health. While they will be allowed to return to school, they will be advised to minimize their social interactions for the duration specified by MOH. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student may return to school.



Quarantine Order (QO) / Stay Home Notice (SHN) or its equivalent Leave of Absence (LOA) or Approved Absence (AA) notifications

3. Students will also be required to stay away from school if they are:
- issued a QO / SHN or its equivalent LOA or AA notifications
 - staying in the same household as individuals serving QO / SHN at the place of residence for the duration specified
 - staying in the same household as individuals who is Person under Quarantine (PUQ) awaiting transportation to a Government Quarantined Facility (GQF). It is also important to keep your child's HT updated on the outcome of PCR swab test conducted on PUQ.

Social Responsibility in Safeguarding the Well-being of our College and Larger Community

4. We would like to seek parents' continued support and cooperation in helping to ensure our schools remain safe for our students and the larger community. Students are constantly reminded to have their Oral Thermometers and TraceTogether token or app with them throughout the school day to facilitate contact tracing. Please also remind your child to ensure strict adherence of the following Safe Management Measures:

- a. Students are to **wear their high filtration face masks (e.g. surgical masks) at all times** in the College, except when eating or drinking. Students/staff should not talk when their masks are off, and should minimise talking while eating and drinking.
 - b. Students should continue to wipe down surfaces of common spaces, e.g. classroom and canteen, after they use them.
 - c. Students should wash their hands frequently with soap, and use hand sanitisers found in the classroom and/or designated areas in College.
5. There will be fixed exam-style seating in classrooms. Group work (up to 2 persons) is allowed in the classroom. There will be spaced seating in the canteen. We encourage students to bring food from home or to purchase food from the canteen and consume it in the lobby or in their respective classrooms. Intermingling across classes and levels will be minimised.
6. For Physical Education (PE) lessons, only individual mask-off activities in outdoor, well ventilated venues are allowed. There will be no group activities. Any students who are not feeling well or have been vaccinated in the past one week should inform their PE teachers, who will check with them before starting any physical activities.



7. All in-person CCAs and non-essential enrichment activities will be suspended until further notice. All CCAs will be conducted online (eCCA). The respective CCA teachers will inform your child of the e-CCA details. Other external activities such as external CCAs and learning journeys remain suspended.

8. If you have further queries, please contact your child's Home Tutor or contact the College at 6252 4083/4, catholic_jc@moe.edu.sg. Thank you, stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

