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As our return to school approaches, we look forward to seeing our students back on campus. With the recent surge in the Omicron virus, we have received recommendations for protective measures from the Louisiana Department of Health that will help keep our students and staff healthy and safe. Therefore, adjustments have been made to our routine and will stay in effect until updated by health officials. We will keep you informed via the Lake Castle Slidell website (under UPDATES), CANVAS messages, and through the Lake Castle Slidell Parents' Facebook page as changes or modifications are required to be made. Please review the following guidelines:

<p>Students, Faculty, and Staff Members Wellness Policy</p>	<p>Students, faculty, and staff members who exhibit symptoms of illness will not be admitted to campus.</p> <p><i>If symptoms develop while at school:</i> Student will remain in a designated isolation room and must be picked up as soon as parent/guardian is notified. Faculty and staff members are required to leave campus and a substitute will serve the remainder of the day.</p>
<p>Home Isolation and Quarantine Procedures</p>	<p>The Louisiana Department of Health Covid-19 Screening Decision Tree will be followed to determine length of quarantine/isolation and protocols to be followed.</p>
<p>Face Coverings</p>	<p>The Louisiana Department of Health is recommending masks be worn in all indoor spaces. Wearing face masks is highly encouraged for all students, faculty and staff.</p>
<p>Extracurricular Activities and Sports</p>	<p>Extracurricular and sports activities are suspended at this time and may be phased in as health guidelines allow.</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Lunch will be eaten in the classroom and outdoors (weather-permitting) to allow maximum spacing between students.</p>
<p>Before-School Care and After-School Care</p>	<p>Current before and after-school care procedures will continue (Thompson Road entrance). Additional guidelines will be provided to those who utilize before and after-school care.</p>
<p>Assemblies/Conferences</p>	<p>All assemblies and conferences (indoor gatherings) are on hold.</p>
<p>Health Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizing stations have been placed in all classrooms and the gym. • All teachers, staff members, and students will engage in hand hygiene. • Cleaning and disinfecting measures will continue in all areas of campus.

Information will be provided in future UPDATES on our school website. May everyone stay safe and healthy!