

## **From the Desk of the Principal**

**To:** Parents & Guardians

**Date:** January 3, 2021

Dear RMES Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families! I am sure you share my sentiments of gratitude for surviving 2020 and being blessed to see the start of 2021. I pray for you and your families continued faith, hope, joy and good health as you/we continue to navigate the uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic.

As we start this 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of school and continue navigating the challenges of COVID-19, let us take courage in knowing that we are not only on this journey together but from past experience are assured that you are also with us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedicated commitment to partner with our administration, faculty and staff in helping to maintain quality education in a safe and healthy environment for all of our children.

Looking forward to seeing every one back on **Monday, January 11, 2021**, when we will resume in-person and SRL classes. Until then, stay safe and keep adhering to the COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing your mask, washing your hands, practicing physical distance, etc. Of course, I must remind you that if you have traveled please be sure to give yourself enough time for 10 days quarantining and/or testing 4-5 days after return. Please see below the COVID-19 Travel Protocol for RMES.

May we seek the Spirit's leading and present to God all our plans for the future the 2020-2021 school year.

Philippians 4:6 assures: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,

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### **COVID-19 Travel Protocol for RMES:**

Due to the increase in the Coronavirus pandemic in the US, you are being advised not to travel. In the event you still choose to travel, upon your return, your child will need to:

- Get a COVID-19 test five days after you return from travel.
- Submit (email) negative report to RMES ([rmes@andrews.edu](mailto:rmes@andrews.edu) or [esavory@andrews.edu](mailto:esavory@andrews.edu))
- **OR** quarantine for 10-14 days before returning to school on January 11, 2021 (provided they have no COVID-19 symptoms or had close contact with or exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19).
- Obtain clearance from school administration or teacher before returning to school.
- Information on local testing sites can be found [here](#)

### **General COVID-19 Protocol for RMES Students and Faculty/Staff:**

- Quarantine at home for 10-14 days if you tested positive for COVID-19
- Quarantine at home for 10-14 days if you have 2 or more COVID-19 symptoms and/or wait 4 days to be tested. Submit (email) negative report to RMES ([rmes@andrews.edu](mailto:rmes@andrews.edu) or [esavory@andrews.edu](mailto:esavory@andrews.edu))
- Quarantine at home for 10-14 days if you had close contact with or exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19
- Obtain clearance from school administration or teacher before returning to school
  
- Please refer to the AU guidelines [here](#) and BCHD guidelines [here](#)

Additional CDC Guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-risk.html>.