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Dear Cristo Rey Jesuit community:

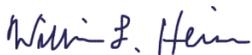
After careful consideration, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (CRJ) will remain in Phase 1, Distance Learning, for the entire 2nd Quarter through December. While it was our hope to transition into the next phase to a hybrid learning model, we want to ensure that our entire community of students, faculty, and families remain in good health and safe from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19.

Although some surrounding schools are transitioning to hybrid learning, one of our primary concerns is that recent trends suggest an increase in both new cases and the positivity rate in Baltimore City. Additionally, we are headed into the flu season which is anticipated to bring even greater health risks to those in our community. It is essential that we keep our students and teachers safe from unnecessary harm during this health crisis.

While we know that the adjustment to distance learning has not been easy, we are proud of our entire Cristo Rey community of students, faculty and staff, and families for your flexibility, perseverance, and focus on learning. We believe that the continuity of learning models at this time will be beneficial to our students' success. In addition, by staying with the remote model through Quarter 2, it is our sincere hope that we will avoid being forced to quarantine weeks at a time, fluctuating between hybrid and distance learning models, and can continue to deliver quality instruction without interruption in a supportive and loving environment.

In the meantime, our COVID task force will continue to prepare and meet regularly. A significant challenge in bringing students back to school is the necessity to socially distance in school and the limited size and layout of our facility. Our next review of the community health data will be on December 1st to determine our delivery model for Quarter 3. We will communicate the decision by December 7th. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at CristoReyCares@crstoreybalt.org with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience and collaboration as we navigate our path forward with a clear focus on keeping our community safe, while providing a quality learning environment.

Stay safe and healthy,



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