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Dear Ms James

The COVID-19 outbreak is an evolving issue for our organisation and our schools, as we work to ensure the health and safety of our school communities.

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd is actively monitoring developments, and our staff are responding to school enquiries in line with advice provided by the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers.

Our staff are also working closely with the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) and Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure we are well-positioned to support school operations and planning.

The CECV will continue to send communications regularly to ensure schools are updated on advice and policy changes, as the situation requires.

I would ask you to direct any of your members with concerns regarding the conditions of their employment, including leave, to speak with their school leaders, who received a circular on leave entitlements relating to COVID-19 on Friday 6 March.

Should the situation evolve further, any recommendations and action from the CECV will align with the advice we receive from the Australian and Victorian governments, the relevant provisions of the *Victorian Catholic Education Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2018* and applicable federal and state legislation.

The CECV, our school leaders and staff are grateful for any support provided by the IEU Vic/Tas as we continue to deliver an outstanding Catholic education during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely



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