



MEMO No: 2024/041

TO: Diocesan Directors; Principals RI/MPJP Schools

FROM: Maree Lacey- Chief Operating Officer

TOPIC: Chief Health Officer's letter re influenza cases

DATE: 2 August 2024

Dear Colleagues

I have been requested by the Queensland Chief Health Officer, Dr Catherine McDougall, to seek your support in passing the attached letter onto Principals in the Catholic sector in Queensland for distribution to parents/guardians of our students.

As you will see from the letter, concerns have arisen in relation to the number of cases of influenza that are emerging across the state and of concerns that only 13% of school aged children have been vaccinated against influenza this year.

The attached letter from the Chief Health Officer has been prepared for distribution to families and your assistance in facilitating this is much appreciated.

More information about influenza and the importance of vaccination is available on the Queensland Department of Health's [Vaccination Matters webpage](#) .

Your support is much appreciated.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maree Lacey', written in a cursive style.

Maree Lacey
Chief Operating Officer