



Friday
Sept. 11, 2020

Dear SJB Families,

NBC4 last night removed a covid-19 report from its website after the station received complaints that the report featured images of St. John the Baptist, which has had zero covid-19 cases.

An NBC4 editor said images of St. John the Baptist would be removed from the video if it reappears on the website.

The report about investigations into covid-19 at private schools featured video footage of the St. John the Baptist sign and front entrance over a news cutline that read, "Montgomery County Officials Concerned After New Outbreaks at Private Schools."

Catholic Schools Secretary Kelly Branaman and I spoke after the report aired, and the Archdiocese of Washington made contact with NBC4 on the school's behalf.

St. John the Baptist reopened on Aug 31 with a safety plan approved by the 20-member SJB Reopening & Recovery Team, the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Montgomery County Health Department.

Respectfully and Faithfully,

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