



## **Safety Plan - Fall 2021**

**Masks:** Per state mandate, Masks will be worn, regardless of vaccination status, by all people that enter our building. This includes students at all grade levels, preschool through 8th grade. Masks are not required outside, with the exception of times where students are in closer proximity or exerting themselves. The playground is somewhere where students can co-mingle with other students in their grade level, and they can be at times closer as they interact and play together. At this time, to ensure safety, we will start on our playground wearing masks and will monitor this throughout September. For our newer and younger students, we will ensure communication and modeling of expectations. *Since we appear metrics-wise to be in the midst of a surge of cases, we will watch and, as things progress, resume recess with no masks as we evaluate public health. We are erring on the side of caution for the month of September in using masks outside.*

**Vaccinations:** While vaccination is not a requirement for in-person education at K-12 schools, it is the strongest protective measure against COVID-19 available to individuals 12 years of age and up.

A person is considered fully vaccinated when a) Two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) OR, Two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson)

Like we do for other vaccinations, we are being asked to begin tracking student vaccinations for Covid as well as staff and volunteers (*who work directly with students*) in our building. We will follow up with the process to provide documentation.

Acceptable documentation for verifying the vaccination status of students, volunteers, and visitors includes at least one of the following:

- CDC vaccination card, which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date(s) administered, or a photo of the vaccination card.
- Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider with the information listed above.
- State immunization information system record with the information listed above.

**Large Group Events:** As we kick off the school year, we will be avoiding indoor large group events. We will hold events outside where we can, wearing masks as mandated, and will break events into smaller grade level based groups. All School Masses will be watched on Zoom by most, and chosen small groups will go into the church together so that we can keep everyone appropriately distanced. Everyone in the church will be masked per current requirements. As cases decrease, we will plan on restarting our Monday meetings and All School masses as in the past, beginning with division attendance and then ultimately all in attendance as it is safe.



**Lunchtime:** Until numbers go down, we will continue to eat lunch in the classrooms with our class cohorts. When cases decrease, we will watch and pivot back to eating in Feist hall together. We will also eat lunch outside while our weather is good - in our class cohorts. We will have hot lunch and our milk program again, and we will deliver lunch purchases to the students in their classrooms, so they have it. We will roll out our hot lunch program the week of August 23rd.

**Distancing:** We will continue our distancing procedures from the spring, and will maintain a 3 foot spacing between students in classrooms to the fullest extent possible. We will also track seating charts and where students sit to track for contact tracing if needed. The definition of close contact has changed for the fall, which is essential for us as we look at potential exposures. In a K-12 indoor classroom, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least three feet away from an infected student when (a) both students were wearing face coverings/masks and (b) other prevention strategies were in place.

**Health Check and Temperatures:** We will no longer require online health attestation every day before school, but we will take temperatures daily on the way into the building. If your student presents with a fever, we will send them home for the day and follow our quarantine and isolation process if needed. We ask that all families screen for symptoms daily before bringing students to school. The CDC has a [Coronavirus Self Checker](#) available on its website, which may help you make decisions about seeking medical care for possible COVID-19.

**Handwashing, Sanitizing, and Ventilation:** We will continue to keep windows open and doors open as possible to accommodate airflow and fresh air. Last school year, we installed new filtration systems through the building with MERV-13 filters to ensure the best air filtration possible. Our facilities team will come through the building throughout the day and sanitize all of our high touch areas, doorknobs, bathrooms, etc. Teachers have EPA approved sanitizing equipment and products and will clean classrooms and desks throughout the day as well. Finally, we have hand sanitizers located throughout the building and at each entrance of the building to allow access for the students at all times. Students will be monitored in their use of hand sanitizing products to ensure appropriate use as well as hand washing will be coordinated for all students throughout the day, after meals, and recesses.

We will continue to monitor our sanitizing procedures throughout the year and ensure we are matching CDC recommendations as we can.

**Communication about cases and Quarantine Procedure:** Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time in case they were infected and are contagious. We will notify families, the archdiocese, and the health department for cases within our school, and provide guidance for students that



need to be quarantined if applicable. Because the close contact definition has changed and as long as students are masked and three feet apart inside (except for lunch time), exposure risk should be extremely low in the classrooms.

If we have an issue and have to quarantine a class, the teacher will move to online learning for the whole class for the time of quarantine. We will only move to online learning in the case the entire class has to quarantine. If a small number of students have to quarantine, the teacher will manage the homework like in previous years, with getting the assignments and missed work to students as needed.

**There are three options for the duration of quarantine (Per Health Department).**

- Quarantine should last for 14 days after the last close contact with the COVID-19 positive person. This is the safest option. Monitor for symptoms during this time, and if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 14 days, get tested.
- If 14 days is not possible, quarantine can last for 10 days after the last close contact, 12 without additional testing required. However, if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 10 days, remain in quarantine the full 14 days and get tested. Continue monitoring for symptoms until day 14.
- Quarantine can end after 7 full days beginning after the last close contact if no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result. The test should occur no sooner than 48 hours (2 days) before ending quarantine. Continue monitoring for symptoms until day 14.

**People who may be exempt from quarantine (Per Health Department):**

- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated and do not have symptoms do not need to be quarantined but should be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in all public indoor spaces for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate and follow appropriate guidance if they test positive. If they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated. The symptomatic fully vaccinated person should inform their healthcare provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.
- Close contact who had confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months, have recovered and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop. If a close contact is neither fully vaccinated nor recovered from confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months and does not have symptoms, the close contact must be quarantined.



**Returning from School post-Covid:** The ill student(s) can return to school and end isolation once the following are met:

- 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
- Symptoms have improved.

**Staying home when sick:** Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

**Staying home after travel:** The Department of Health continues to recommend avoiding all unnecessary travel and to follow [CDC travel requirements and recommendations](#) after travel.

