



Health & Safety Guidelines for St. John the Baptist

Isolation – For Someone Positive

- An individual who tests positive for Covid-19 or is suspected of having Covid-19 based on exposure and symptoms will be required to stay home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test.
- Day 1 is the first day after the start of symptoms or the first day after the test.
- On day 6, the individual may return if symptoms are gone or improved.
- On days 6-10, the individual must properly wear a mask around others during recess, outside activities, and inside and outside of school.

Quarantine – For Someone Exposed

If Fully Vaccinated...

- An exposed individual without symptoms may return without quarantine.
- Fully vaccinated = 2 shots for children ages 5-17
- Fully vaccinated = 2 shots plus booster for adults
- The individual must properly wear a mask around others at all times, including recess, outside activities, and outside of school for 10 days after the exposure.
- The individual must take a Covid-19 test at least 5 days after the exposure.

If Not Fully Vaccinated...

- An exposed individual must stay home for 5 days.
- Day 1 is the first day after the last contact with the positive person.
- If there are no symptoms on Day 6, the individual may take a Covid-19 test and return with a negative result.
- The individual must properly wear a mask around others at all times, including recess, outside activities, and outside of school for 10 days after the exposure.

If Recently Infected...

- An individual with Covid-19 in the past 90 days may return without quarantine.
- Testing after Day 5 isn't required for a recently infected individual.
- Proper masking wearing around others is required for 10 days.
- Recent infection must have been confirmed by viral test.

If Under Age 5....

- Isolation is 10 days for infection, and quarantine is 10 days for close contact.



Rules and Procedures

Face Coverings

- Students and staff wear [proper masks properly](#) when inside, except during lunch or snack, when screen dividers are put up on desks. Extra masks are in the office.

Physical Distance

- Students are spaced as far apart as possible with a minimum distance of 3 feet. Students should be seated facing the same direction if possible.
- Groups or classes must be 6 feet apart.

Handwashing

- Students disinfect or wash hands regularly.
- Students disinfect or wash hands when they return to their classroom.
- Students disinfect or wash hands before they eat.

Surface Cleaning

- Disinfectant surface wipes are available in shared rooms.
- Students have wipes for desks in classrooms.

Fresh Air

- Windows and doors are opened regularly for fresh.
- Teachers are encouraged to take classes outside for lunch and lessons.

Facility & Operations

Fresh Air

- HVAC air filters are changed every 8 weeks.
- Air purifiers operate in central rooms.

Surface Cleaning

- School surfaces are cleaned daily by a professional cleaning team.
- Electrostatic disinfection spray is applied regularly.
- Anti-viral sealant is applied to all surfaces four times per year.



School-Parent Partnership

Family Cooperation and Communication

- Report Covid-19 cases to the principal right away.
- Keep child home if there are symptoms of illness.
- Send child to school if fever free for 24 hours without fever medication.

School Cooperation and Communication

- Screen students and staff and read temperatures each morning.
- Communicate with parents of Covid-positive child.
- Communicate with parents of exposed child.
- Consults with SJB nurse and pediatrician on health decisions.
- Consult with pastor, school board, and Archdiocese on program decisions.
- Share specific information with affected staff members for their protection and the health and safety of their students.
- Share general information, not identities, with affected families.

Conditions That Would Allow Student to Livestream

- Teachers will livestream their classes on Teams to students in isolation or quarantine under Covid-19 protocols.
- If a student does not feel well, the student should stay home for rest and recovery and then return for in-person school.
- Why is livestream not optional? It dilutes the quality of instruction for all students and adds strain on teachers.

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