



Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the health and safety of our school family, we are sharing with you the following adjustments to our COVID-19 protocols:

- 1) Face masks: There is **NO UNIVERSAL MASKING REQUIRED** in schools at this time. Wearing a face mask continues to be **OPTIONAL**.
- 2) Students will continue eating in the cafeteria for breakfast and lunch.
- 3) For school masses, we are temporarily returning to only the grade level of the sponsoring class attending in the gym. ONLY PARENTS of the homeroom class sponsoring the mass can attend in-person. The choir will continue singing for masses. We will continue live streaming masses on our school Facebook page and Google Meet for the sponsoring class's parents.
- 4) We will continue to adhere to the guidance for identifying "close contacts" and require quarantining according to #3 and #4 below.
- 5) For students who must isolate or quarantine, our policy in regards to assignments/tests remains as follows: For PK thru 2nd graders – email your child's teacher directly and materials will be hung on the fence in the bus circle for pick up. For 3rd thru 7th graders – students have been instructed to always keep necessary books/materials in their backpack. All lessons must be accessed through Google Classroom. Tests will be emailed home and can be returned to your child's teacher upon return to school.

Isolation & Quarantine guidelines have been updated as follows:

- 1) **Exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19** – Stay home, **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**.
Option 1 – Stay home for 5 days. Test on Day 5 or later and submit the results to school. May return to school after Day 5, providing there is a NEGATIVE TEST result and all symptoms have resolved for 24 hours with no medication.
Option 2 – Stay home for 10 days, returning if all symptoms have resolved.
- 2) **Test POSITIVE for COVID-19** – Isolate regardless of vaccination status.
Option 1 – Stay home in isolation for 5 days. No symptoms or symptoms resolving, end isolation. Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
Option 2 – Isolate for 10 full days. May return if no symptoms or symptoms resolving.
- 3) **Exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you are Boosted or fully vaccinated within the last 6 months or tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days (with documentation of positive test date):**
Option 1 – Must wear a mask around others for 10 days. May test on Day 5 (not mandatory) and submit negative test result to school. If symptoms develop, get a test and remain home until symptom-free.
Option 2 – Quarantine for 10 full days.
- 4) **Exposed to someone with COVID-19 and you are NOT Boosted or NOT FULLY VACCINATED:**
Option 1 – Stay home in quarantine for 5 days. Test on Day 5 and submit negative test result to school to return to classes. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
Option 2 – Quarantine for 10 days.

REMINDER: COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to: fever, shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, body aches/fatigue, nausea/diarrhea, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion. The infectious period for **IDENTIFYING CLOSE CONTACTS** include the 48 hours before the day the person became sick (or the 48 hours before specimen collection if asymptomatic).

Please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well or are exhibiting any symptoms. They must be symptom-free for at least 24 hours with no medication before they can return to school.

I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your cooperation and support throughout this pandemic. We truly appreciate all that you have done and will continue to do in partnering with us in our efforts to keep all members of our school family safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Gerard J. Rodrigue, Jr., Principal