



Diocese of Saginaw Office of Catholic Schools

COVID Protocols

We have been in contact with each county health department in which our Catholic schools operate. We will continue to collaborate with local health departments as we move forward. They have been and will continue to be an important resource for our schools. The following COVID protocols have been developed based on CDC guidance, the Return to School Roadmap, and consultation with local health departments. The protocols are subject to modification based on guidance from appropriate health agencies.

- **Will students and staff be subject to daily health screening?**
 - Daily health screenings (at home or at school) are strongly recommended. This process will vary by school. Please contact your building administrator for specifics. (These plans may still be in development at the local level.)
- **What if a student displays symptoms of COVID-19?**
 - Please keep your child home from school until symptom-free for at least 24 hours (72 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine) and consult your personal physician.
 - If this occurs during the school day, the student will be placed in supervised isolation, with a mask (if appropriate based on student's ability to medically tolerate a mask). Parents or guardians will be contacted to pick the child up from school.
- **What if a student tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - Contact school's administration / COVID response coordinator to ensure that other students and staff in the class(es) and related activities can be notified. This contact is also essential to allow the school to take appropriate cleaning precautions.
 - The student should isolate for 10 days and cannot return to school until after the 14-day quarantine period.
- **When can a student return to school following a positive COVID-19 test?**
 - The [CDC's criteria](#) to discontinue home isolation following a COVID-19 test (or possible close contact) is at least 72 hours without a high fever and the 14-day quarantine period from the period of the first symptoms.
- **What does my child do if another household member tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - If another household member tests positive, the exposed student will enter a 14-day quarantine period away from school, even if the student shows no symptoms.
- **What if a staff member displays symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - Staff members are subject to the same protocols as a student
- **What happens if another student or staff member in my child's class/activity tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - School will contact appropriate students and staff to inform them of a positive case.
 - In all COVID-19 positive cases, schools will consult with the county health department for the next steps related to contact tracing, need for others to be tested and/or quarantined, as well as the impact on the operation of the school.
 - A classroom, portion of a building, entire building and/or activity could be shut down due to a positive test(s). Response may vary based on social distancing and level of cohorting that is in place.