



# ALL SAINTS

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### All Saints Catholic School COVID-19 Plan Summary

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On August 11, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) supports these updates and encourages school district administrators to use this guidance as they continue working with local public health to ensure the health and safety of students, teachers, and staff.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 Community Levels in our county, along with vaccination rates, illness among students, teachers, and staff, outbreaks, and adjust our policies as necessary.

#### Masks

- The wearing of masks will be optional for staff and students.
- The federal order that required face coverings for school bus transportation has been revoked. Wearing masks/face coverings on school buses will be optional for staff and students.
- Remember to be respectful of the choices of others. Bullying of students/staff with or without masks will not be tolerated.

#### Students Testing Positive for COVID

- Students/staff who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate for 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), they may return to school wearing a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days to minimize the risk of infecting others. Students will be able to remove their mask briefly to eat snacks and lunch, and when outside.
- Families who do not wish to have their student wear a mask should stay home the additional 5 days.
- Remember that the first day of symptoms (or date of test without symptoms) counts as day 0 and the isolation period starts the next day.
- Absence will be excused. See below for quarantine instruction procedures.

#### Close Contact and Quarantine Procedures

- Schools are not required to conduct contact tracing as a standard practice, but ASCS will continue to contact trace for an individual testing positive for COVID.
- Families of students will be contacted and notified that their child has been identified as a close contact and are encouraged to monitor their symptoms. ***This communication will be sent by***

**email.** All students will receive this notification regardless of their vaccination status.

- Students identified as close contacts:
  - If a student is showing **NO** symptoms, they will not be excluded from school; students will be allowed to remain in school without missing any school or school activities.

### **Isolation Instruction**

- **Individuals** who are isolated due to illness and/or positive COVID-19 test will follow a general absence procedure, working with the teacher to understand assignments/work due.
- Students should email teachers for assistance and/or questions. Students in middle school should reach out to their homeroom teacher to inquire about possible synchronous learning during their isolation period.
- Upon return, students shall meet with the teacher to make up any work/assessments that could not be completed while out of school.

### **Instructional Model**

- ASCS will provide in-person instruction five (5) days a week.

### **Health Service Protocols**

- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing is encouraged.
- Continued nightly cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and disinfecting of rooms with known COVID cases.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

- All Saints Catholic School will not mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for our faculty, staff or students.
- Consistent with our Catholic teaching, we believe decisions for our children should be made in the home by the parents.
- ASCS will not use an individual's vaccine status to determine employment, enrollment or eligibility to participate in school functions/events, nor does it influence quarantine procedures.