



Saint Andrew School

Catholic Elementary School & Preschool

Covid Safety Plan as of 2/14/22

Masking Policy

- Mask wearing is optional for students and staff; except in the situations listed below
- As of 2/14/22, below are situations where masks would be required.
 - Over a 5 day span, more than 8% of our school community has tested positive for Covid. In this case, our entire school will be required to wear masks. Masks would be required for 5 consecutive days (when in the building).
 - If there are more than 2 cases in a homeroom over a period of 5 days, that homeroom will be required to wear masks for 5 days.
 - To meet quarantine guidelines after returning due to testing positive. This would be after at least 5 days and no longer presenting any symptoms and to day 10 of symptom onset.
 - To meet quarantine guidelines after a confirmed exposure for 5-10 days from exposure.
 - Household exposures are 10 days from isolation.
 - Exposures outside of the household have the option to test out at day 5 from exposure.
 - If the nurse or administration requires it due to the presence of any Covid symptoms.
 - The parent has the right to come pick up their child if they do not want them to wear a mask.
 - Due to Federal Regulations, masking is still required on school buses.
- Saint Andrew CEC always reserves the right to ask students, staff, volunteers, etc. to put on a mask if it is deemed necessary.
 - Students and staff should have access to a mask at all times in the event they become symptomatic or find themselves in a setting or context where a mask is required.
- If you do not want your child to wear a mask in any of the above situations, you may choose to keep your child home. They will be considered absent and make up work as they would for any other absence. Synchronous or asynchronous instruction **will not** be provided.

Contact Tracing, Quarantine, etc.

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Bucks County Health Department continue to require Saint Andrew to collect and to report positive cases of COVID-19 and to identify close contacts/exposures who need to quarantine.
 - This includes household positives. Therefore, the school should be notified if anyone in the house tests positive for Covid. Masking or quarantine guidelines would be followed as outlined below.
 - Failure to notify school administration of any positive case (including household positive cases) would result in removal from school or termination of employment.
- All Saint Andrew employees, contractors, volunteers, and students must continue to report any positive COVID-19 test results.
- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to be quarantined for the required number of days as determined by Saint Andrew CEC in consultation with BCHD.
- Saint Andrew CEC will continue to be mindful of social distancing and the amount of time spent within 3-6-feet of each other.
- Anyone needing to quarantine due to positive test results or exposure will be offered synchronous or asynchronous opportunities to learn at home. Parents should reach out to administration for virtual learning options.
- Exposure is defined as being within 3 feet of someone for 15 consecutive minutes within 48 hours of the onset of the positive contact's symptoms.
 - Any unvaccinated students or staff exposed would be sent home in accordance with CDC/BCHD quarantine guidelines listed below.

Exposure/Quarantine Guidelines

- Per CDC, BCHD, and Saint Andrew CEC quarantine guidelines require:
 - Positive Test Result
 - Those who test positive for COVID-19 should be isolated for 5 days. This will be followed with 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.
 - Exposure (Non-household)
 - Vaccinated
 - Defined as anyone that has received both vaccination shots and are 2 weeks to 6 months from the second shot date. After 6 months, individuals must receive their booster to still be considered vaccinated.
 - Those vaccinated do not need to be quarantined following an exposure, but they should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
 - Unvaccinated
 - Defined as anyone more than 6 months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted.

- Quarantine for 5 days outside of the school followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days in the school.
 - Either may test out of quarantine and the second 5 day quarantine by providing a negative test after 5 full days from the exposure.
 - The test must be on day 5 or later.
- Household Exposure
 - Vaccinated and Isolation is Possible
 - Defined as anyone that has received both vaccination shots and are 2 weeks to 6 months from the second shot date. After 6 months, individuals must receive their booster to still be considered vaccinated.
 - Those vaccinated do not need to be quarantined following an exposure, but they should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
 - Unvaccinated and Isolation is Possible
 - Defined as anyone more than 6 months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted.
 - Quarantine for 5 days outside of the school followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days in the school.
 - Isolation at Home is Not Possible
 - In cases where isolation is not possible in a household, students must stay home for at least 10 days. They may test out of quarantine if they have no symptoms after their sick family member(s) have completed their 10 day quarantine period.
- Quarantining in the school for the second 5 days
 - Grades 3-8 as long as staffing allows
 - Students would eat lunch and have recess in an alternate location due to the need for greater spacing when their mask is off.
 - K-2
 - We are unable to provide a space for lunch, and students should be picked up during their lunch/recess or participate in school asynchronously.
 - They may stay home after being picked up or return after lunch/school.
 - Students would need to keep masks on at all other times including during snack time.
 - Preschool
 - **Unfortunately, we are unable to provide an in person opportunity due to lack of space, staffing, and the type of instruction.**

Events/Extracurricular/CARES

- We will follow the above guidelines; however, if there are positive cases in the school, masks may be required to be worn during events or extracurriculars.
- For any field trips, we will follow the masking guidelines of the facility.

Keeping Sick Children at Home

- We must remain vigilant and work together for any Covid safety plan to work.
- Most importantly, all students and staff who are not feeling well should stay home from school. Those who are experiencing symptoms such as: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. When a child experiences these symptoms, he/she should stay home and get tested or seen by a doctor and medically cleared to return to school. Testing is widely available with most results returning within 24 hours.
- If a student has a slightly runny nose or allergies, he/she should wear a mask to school to add an extra layer of precaution.
- In addition, the nurse may make the decision for a student to wear a mask if they believe it is necessary.
- With cooperation of all stakeholders, we will be able to keep the school open and safe.