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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Panther Families,

Today we are writing to share our revised protocols regarding positive COVID cases, close contacts, and quarantining. These were discussed by members of the school advisory board and will continue to be revisited as local numbers and guidance develop.

A few key points:

- we will be using the new guidelines with shorter isolation (details follow) and reduced quarantining for close contacts
- Should your student need to be tested before the school day, we will be testing after the 8am bell and from the car. (We will provide more details if this is necessary for your situation.)
- all students are asked to bring an extra mask or two. Sometimes masks are forgotten, break, or need to be switched out.
- We will be shortening lunch periods to minimize time in which students are unmasked. Students will then have extra time to socialize outside or in the classrooms while masked.
- We will also expand student lunch seating to the lobby of the gym to allow for more spacing when masks are down for lunch.
- If you or someone in your household tests or has tested positive over the break, we ask that you let us know asap. This will help us in our decision making and help us as we return to school. We can then assist in establishing a return date. Please email: [school@stasb.org](mailto:school@stasb.org)
- Please be aware that this is spreading in our area rapidly and presents with symptoms resembling a common cold.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and patience,

Father Ben and Karen Bogol



### **K-12 Isolation Guidance: When all are masked**

- If a student tests positive:
  - Stay home for 5-days
  - Return to school Day-6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and continue to mask for 5 -days in classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times, must remain isolated at home for full 10-days)
  - Fever-free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms improving
  - Can resume extracurricular activities on Day-6 if able to wear a mask properly at all times for Days 6-10, above conditions are met and cleared by the physician

### **K12 Quarantine Guidance: When All Are Masked**

- If a student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom:
  - As long as continue to be asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to wear a mask properly at all times, test on Day 5 if possible
  - May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask properly at all times when able (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity) for all 10-days
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home and if positive, follow isolation guidance. If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

### **K-12 Quarantine Guidance: When All Are Masked**

- If a student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of the classroom, including home contacts:
  - If fully vaccinated (have received all doses of vaccines, including booster if eligible)
    - § As long asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to mask at all times in classroom; test on Day 5 if possible.
    - § May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask for 10-days (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity)
    - § If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
  - If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated:
    - § Stay home for 5-days; test on Day 5 if possible
    - § Return to class on Day 6 if still asymptomatic. Continue to wear a mask for Days 6-10.



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§ No extracurricular activities for the student and remain home for 5-days of home quarantine. May resume Day-6 only if able to wear a mask at all times(including while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for Days 6-10.

§ If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.