



November 23, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

As the COVID-19 situation is ever-evolving, Outagamie County Public Health (OCPH) is continuing to work closely with all the schools in their jurisdiction. OCPH is continuing to have weekly meetings with the schools' principals and superintendents to discuss the most up to date data with the school leaders. In fact, OCPH is looked at by some as a "leader" in the state for what county health departments should be doing in collaborating with schools and keeping our schools open.

With the increasing rapid antigen testing that is being done in the Fox Valley area, OCPH has provided some more guidance to schools for different scenarios and flow charts for testing situations.

It is important to note that each of these documents below are based upon current guidance provided in [HAN #17](#) and WI-DHS Outbreak Guidance in K-12 Schools – October edition document [p02757](#). With the acceleration of antigen testing in our region, there is an incredible amount of rapid learning taking place and we understand that there are just as many questions.

OCPH is actively pursuing discussions with other local health departments, healthcare partners, and school leaders along with those at WI-DHS and DPI in an attempt to collaborate and provide a clear and consistent approach to antigen testing in our communities.

As OCPH learns more and if there are any changes to current testing guidance and either of the documents below, they will provide updates.

[Antigen Testing Scenario for Schools – 11/20/20](#)
[COVID-19 Testing Flowchart for Schools – 11/19/20](#)

In summary, if your child has COVID-19 symptoms that are defined by the CDC, they are not deemed a close contact, Holy Spirit is going to follow OCPH and WI-DHS guidance, and also require a PCR or POC Molecular test. A rapid antigen test, with a negative result, is not going to be enough to get your child back in school based on the medical professionals' guidance. Parents will need to follow up with a confirmatory PCR or POC Molecular test. If we have a symptomatic individual test positive using an antigen test, that individual should complete the recommended isolation period and Holy Spirit will follow their contact tracing protocols after we receive the positive notice from parents/guardians. Please see these documents for more details.

Holy Spirit Catholic School is going to continue to require parents/guardians to send a screen shot or forward an email of the testing result into [Mrs. Thein](#) and [Mr. Zuleger](#) to confirm the appropriate test was administered for a negative result of the symptomatic individual.

As always, the students and staff's safety is at the forefront of this decision.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Zuleger".

Mike Zuleger
Principal