



Holy Spirit Catholic School's COVID-19 Protocols & Procedures

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CDC Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population

On December 27, the CDC released [Updates and Shortens Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population](#). Outagamie County Public Health department did confirm that these updated policies do apply to K-12 schools. The CDC updates include:

Given what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation and quarantine for the public. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

Based on this information, with collaboration with Outagamie County Public Health department, Holy Spirit Catholic School updated our protocols and procedures.

Positive Cases, Close Contacts and Quarantine

During the 2021-22 school year, Holy Spirit will continue to follow CDC Guidelines for: [Isolation & Quarantine](#)

What We Know about Isolation & Quarantine and FAQ

Masking

- On November 16, 2021, the Education Committee met and gave their guidance on the new COVID protocols.
- Effective January 3, 2022, masks will be optional for students in grades preschool 3 through grade 8.
- This decision is meant to align with vaccination availability for students ages 5+.
- Masks will be optional in before care, extended care, and after school care.
- On school buses, masks will continue to be required for all students and staff.
- Effective January 10, 2022, should our school percentage of students and staff who test positive with COVID-19 exceed 2%, Holy Spirit Catholic School will be required to wear masks for 14 days (COVID transmission cycle). This 2% is in line with what percentage most area schools are using as a metric, including Kimberly Area School District and Xavier Catholic Schools.

Here is a link to our [Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Checklist for Children](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

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If my child/I...	And is/am...	Then he/she/I should...
Tests positive for COVID-19	Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate for 5 days from positive test result Return to school on Day 6 if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms improving. Wear a well-fitted mask from days 6-10 inside your home or in school/public.
Has COVID-19 symptoms	Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay Home & get tested for COVID-19
Is a close contact to a positive case at school	Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in school and monitor symptoms for 10 days Test on Day 5 after exposure, if possible Wear a mask indoors in school/public for 10 days after exposure Note: CDC states "Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public."
Is a close contact to a positive case at school and is masked	Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in school and monitor symptoms for 10 days Get tested 5 days after exposure (if not tested at school, provide a copy of the test result to the school) Wear a well-fitted mask indoors in school/public for 10 days after exposure Note: CDC states "Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public."
Is a close contact to a positive case at school or community	Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for 5 days after last close contact If symptom-free, and with a negative test collected on day 5 (if not tested at school, provide a copy of the test result to the school), may return to school on day 6 If returning to school on day 6, must wear a well-fitted mask while at school from days 6-10, OR Quarantine for 10 days after last close contact (no testing and symptom-free) and return to school on day 11. Remain out for athletics for 10 days
Is a close contact to a positive case in their household	Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in school and monitor symptoms for 10 days Test on Day 5 after exposure, if possible Wear a well-fitted mask indoors in school/public for 10 days after exposure Note: CDC states "Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public."
Is a close contact to a positive case in their household	Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for 5 days after last close contact with a positive household case, PLEASE NOTE: the positive/isolating household member must still wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days anytime you are around others inside your home or in public. Household contacts must also wear a well-fitted mask for days 6-10 when they are around the positive household member after isolation. If symptom free, and with a negative test collected on day 5 (if not tested at school, provide a copy of the test result to the school), may return to school on day 6 If returning to school on day 6, must wear a well-fitted mask while at school from days 6-10, OR Quarantine for 10 days after last close contact (no testing and symptom-free) and return to school on day 11. Remain out for athletics for 10 days
Is a close contact and had COVID-19 in last 90 days	Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in school and monitor symptoms