



St. Frances Cabrini School Safety Plan

September 2022

Masks: Masks are not required but are optional for all people that enter our building. This includes students at all grade levels, preschool through 8th grade.

Vaccinations: While vaccination is not a requirement for in-person education at K-12 schools, it is the strongest protective measure against COVID-19 available to individuals 12 years of age and up. A person is considered fully vaccinated when a) Two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna) OR, two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson). As we do for other vaccinations, we are being asked to begin tracking student vaccinations for Covid as well as staff and volunteers (who work directly with students) in our building. We will follow up with the process to provide documentation.

Acceptable documentation for verifying the vaccination status of students, volunteers, and visitors includes at least one of the following:

- CDC vaccination card, which includes the name of the person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date(s) administered, or a photo of the vaccination card.
- Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider with the information listed above.
- State immunization information system record with the information listed above.

Lunchtime: There are no restrictions on the students eating lunch together.

Health Check and Temperatures: We will no longer require online health checks every day before school. If your student presents with a fever, we will send them home for the day and follow our quarantine and isolation process if needed. We ask that all families screen for symptoms daily before bringing students to school.

Handwashing, Sanitizing, and Ventilation: We will continue to keep windows open, and doors open as possible to accommodate airflow and fresh air. Last school year, we installed new filtration systems through the building with MERV-13 filters to ensure the best air filtration possible. Students will be monitored in their use of hand sanitizing products to ensure appropriate use as well as hand washing will be coordinated for all students throughout the day, after meals, and recesses. We will continue to monitor our sanitizing procedures throughout the year and ensure we are matching CDC recommendations as we can.

Communication about cases and Quarantine Procedure: Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period in case they were infected and are contagious. We will notify families, the Office of Catholic Schools, and the health department for cases within our school, and provide guidance for students that need to be quarantined if applicable. Because the close contact definition has changed and if students are masked and three feet apart inside (except for lunch time), exposure risk should be extremely low in the classrooms. If we have an issue and must quarantine a class, the teacher will move to online learning for the whole class for the time of quarantine. We will only move to online learning in the



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case the entire class has to quarantine. If a small number of students must quarantine, the teacher will manage the homework as stated in the Parent-Student Handbook, getting assignments, and missed work to students as needed.

There are three options for the duration of quarantine after exposure (Per Health Department).

1. Quarantine should last for 5 days after the last close contact with the COVID-19 positive person and five days of strict mask use.
2. Vaccinated individuals who have received their booster do not need to quarantine but should wear their masks for 10 days after exposure.
3. When in doubt, get tested on day five, and wear a mask when in public spaces.
4. Close contacts who had confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months, have recovered and do not have symptoms, do not need to quarantine but should watch for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop.

Staying home when sick: Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

If a student has COVID the recommended time of isolation is five days if they are asymptomatic on Day 5, followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a next test confirms symptoms are not related to COVID-19.