



COVID-19 Response Plan 2021 - 2022

St Mary Catholic School will use the following strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

SCREENING STUDENTS AND STAFF:

- Parents are responsible for screening their children for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending their child(ren) to school. Sick students with temperature of 100.4 or greater or vomiting in the last 24 hours would warrant staying home.
- Staff and volunteers are responsible for screening themselves before arriving at school. Sick staff members or volunteers warrant staying home.
- We encourage students and staff to get tested for COVID-19 if having symptoms, or identified as a close contact of an individual with COVID-19.
- We will carefully consider all District Health Department #10 protocols and recommendations for quarantine and close contact tracing.
- The St. Mary community will continue to be notified through email communication when there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 for either a staff member or student.

FACIAL COVERINGS AND VACCINATIONS:

- The District Health Department #10 strongly recommends universal indoor masking and vaccination (for all eligible individuals) against COVID-19. We recognize and respect the important role of parents and school staff to carefully consider these recommendations keeping in mind each individual family's health and safety needs, in addition to the community.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination list and therefore will not be a requirement for school attendance. (see Vaccines Required for School Entry in Michigan)
- When using a mask, they must be disposable surgical-style masks OR reusable cloth (cotton, linen, etc.) masks. Masks must be a solid color or a simple pattern, and must cover only the nose and mouth. All masks must be cleaned (if reusable) or discarded (if disposable) daily.
- ALL persons are responsible to wear a mask when riding public or school bus transportation, including field trips.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- Physical distancing will be followed, as practical and to the extent possible given the space available, the age of students and the learning activity.

- When required by the Health Department contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine, will be conducted. This will be performed in collaboration with the District Health Department #10.
- Ventilation will be increased when practical. Windows will be opened when weather allows and we will be promoting the outdoors for learning and of course recess.
- Students will maintain social distance while attending Mass and during lunch periods.
- Cohorting of classrooms by grade will be followed to the extent possible.
- Arrival and dismissal carline will be implemented.

SANITIZING/CLEANING:

- Students and staff will be asked to regularly wash or sanitize their hands and follow respiratory etiquette. Sanitizer will be available throughout our campuses. Students will be taught proper handwashing techniques.
- Students will be socially distanced at lunch tables. All tables and chairs are sanitized between lunch times.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
- Drinking fountains will allow access to water bottle refill stations only.