



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Updated COVID-19 School Policies: January 2022

The following practices and policies are updated in accordance with the CDC and RIDOH *guidance updates for Covid-19 Prevention Strategies in PK-12 School.*

If you develop any symptoms of Covid-19:				
cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, the recent loss of taste or smell, fatigue, fever or chills, muscles or body aches, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.				
Vaccination Status	Location	Requirement	Quarantine	Documentation for school nurse
Vaccinated or unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If at home when symptoms develop: <i>stay home</i> If at school when symptoms develop: <i>sent home</i> 	Schedule a test	Remain at home until test results are returned and you are asymptomatic	Original test results with screenshot through JotForm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Home Rapid or State-Site Rapid is positive: follow protocol for positive Covid-19 positive diagnosis If Home Rapid or State-Site Rapid is negative and you are symptomatic: get a PCR test to confirm status. If PCR test is negative: return to school If PCR test is positive: follow protocol for Covid-19 positive diagnosis 				

If you test positive for COVID-19 :			
Vaccination Status	Isolation	Requirements for Return to school	Documentation for school nurse
Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	Isolate at home for 5-10 days and until fever-free & symptom-free	May return to school on days 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 symptom-free & fever-free & must wear a well-fitting mask through day 10. -or- May return on day 11 when fever-free & symptom-free	Original positive test result with the date taken through JotForm

If you have been identified as a close contact:			
Vaccination Status	Location of Contact	Quarantine	Actions
Unvaccinated	Household Contact: Someone you live with has tested positive.	You must remain at home during 5 days of isolation of the positive household member and then remain home an additional 5 days of quarantine to monitor for symptoms.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.
Vaccinated	Household Contact: Someone you live with has tested positive.	You may remain in school as long as symptom-free, properly wear a well-fitted mask at all times when around others, and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.
Unvaccinated	At School: deemed a close contact because of exposure at school.	You are quarantined from participating in outside-of-school activities/gatherings for 10 days but may remain in school under <i>monitor to stay</i> , attest daily as symptom-free & properly wear a well-fitted mask at all times when around others for 10 days.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.
Vaccinated	At School: deemed a close contact because of exposure at school.	You are not quarantined and may remain in school as long as symptom-free, monitor for symptoms & properly wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.
Unvaccinated	Outside of School: deemed a close contact because of exposure outside of school/household (social gathering, non-school sports team/activity)	You must remain at home during 5 days of quarantine to monitor for symptoms. Return to school on day 6 with no symptoms while monitoring for symptoms & properly wearing a well-fitted mask at all times when around others until day 10.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.
Vaccinated	Outside of School: deemed a close contact because of exposure outside of school/household (social gathering, non-school sports team/activity)	You are not quarantined and may remain in school as long as symptom-free, monitor for symptoms & properly wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days.	Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Test if any symptoms develop.

VACCINATION STATUS UNDER NEW GUIDELINES

<p>18 and older are exempt from quarantine and considered vaccinated for Covid-19 as it affects these policies, if:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Received a vaccine booster dose;● Completed the two-dose primary series of Pfizer within last 5 months;● Completed the two-dose primary series of Moderna within the last 6 months; or● Completed the one-dose primary series of J&J within the last 2 months.
<p>Ages 5-17 are exempt from quarantine and considered vaccinated for Covid-19 as it affects these policies, if:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Completed the two-dose primary series of Moderna or Pfizer more than 14 days prior to exposure date.