



Covid-19 PreK-12 Health Guidelines August 2022

The Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Schools are committed to the health and safety of all our students and faculty and will continue to prioritize healthy habits in the new school year. The guidelines outlined below are intended to minimize the spread of Covid-19 in our schools. Because circumstances may be different at an individual school or in an individual classroom, class, team or school group, additional mitigation strategies may be implemented.

COVID-19 Health Guidelines

- At the present time, masks are not required.
- Families must keep children home from school when they exhibit any flu-like or Covid-19 symptoms.
- Families must report positive Covid-19 cases to schools and follow all isolation guidelines as noted below.
- Faculty should stay home if they exhibit any flu-like or Covid-19 symptoms.
- Faculty must report positive Covid-19 cases and follow all isolation guidelines as noted below.
- Anyone with a positive Covid-19 test should self-isolate for at least **5 days*** even if vaccinated.
- To calculate the 5-day isolation period*, day 1 is the day **after symptoms start or after the day of test.**
- **Isolation can end after day 5*** if symptoms are fully resolved. The individual should wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days.
- **Anyone who is known to have had close contact to a person with COVID-19 is recommended to be tested 5 days or more after the exposure.**
- Students and staff who are exposed to a positive case **do not need to quarantine** if they are symptom-free.
- It is recommended that a person who has **knowingly** been exposed to Covid-19 wear a well-fitting mask for five days following exposure.
- Schools will monitor positivity rates and make adjustments, if needed, to mitigation strategies, such as targeted contact tracing, required masking, and alternative instructional procedures.
- **Schools should monitor absenteeism among students and/or faculty/staff and report rates to the Office of Catholic Schools if they reach and/or exceed 10%. The Superintendent and local health department will help determine if additional measures of prevention, including school or class closure(s)** are needed.**
- Schools are required to report positive cases to the Louisville Metro Health Department using the Red Cap system.
- Childcare directors are required to report positive cases to the Louisville Metro Health Department and the DRCC.

*The first day of symptoms or the date of a positive test, if asymptomatic, is day zero; the isolation period ends after day 5 (i.e. on day 6)

** See Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Schools Emergency Management Resource Guide page 97.