



As we begin Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, August 18, please read our SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF ALL PARTICIPANTS:

First and foremost, it is imperative that parents or family member notify the Parish Catechetical Leader or Church staff if child is exposed, tests positive for COVID-19 or is put in quarantine.

All catechists and students will wear masks upon entering the building, including the hallways and classrooms.

Arrival & dismissal process will continue to be streamlined, to prevent crowding as much as possible. Please refer to Arrival & Dismissal details on page 3 of this Manual.

Volunteers will be attending entry doors by asking screening questions for possible signs and symptoms for COVID. No one showing or verbalizing any symptoms or possible exposure will be allowed to enter the building.

All children will have assigned seats, face the same direction, and be spaced at least 3 feet apart.

All classrooms and restrooms will be sanitized on a weekly basis.

Hand washing: catechists & assistants, as well as students are to wash hands frequently with soap and water, when possible, for the duration of 20 seconds.

When not possible, use hand sanitizer, which will be readily available at entry, classrooms and throughout the building.

Class size will be capped, to allow for adequate social distancing in each room.

Parent's meetings will take place in the gym whenever possible to allow more space for seating.

Quarantine Protocols:

If fully vaccinated, there is no need to quarantine if asymptomatic. But it is recommended that those fully vaccinated who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure and to wear a mask in public settings for 14 days OR until they receive a negative test result.

If a vaccinated or non-vaccinated person test positive for COVID-19, the person must isolate for 10 days, be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication and have improved symptoms to return class or Faith Formation activity-related activities.

If not vaccinated and in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, notify the Parish Catechetical Leader and quarantine for 14 days. Close contact is defined as being within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period (masked or unmasked).

Should a close contact exposure occur during Faith Formation in the Pastoral Center,



being within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes (masked or unmasked), St Mary's will contact the Floyd Health Department for potential contact tracing and further instructions.

Should a parent call to say that his or her child is having symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within 24 hours of having attended Faith Formation class, the rest of the students and catechists from child's class will be notified as such and must go into quarantine. Vaccinated or unvaccinated should refer to point "a" of protocols above.

NOTE: All quarantines in the 2021-2022 school year will be for the period of 14 days from day of exposure. Per guidance from Indiana State Health Department, students will no longer be able to use an antibody test to avoid quarantine due to concerns with the accuracy of the test. In addition, a negative COVID test on days 8-14 will no longer be used for re-entry.