



## 2021-2022 Covid Protocol

\*\* This plan is subject to change throughout the school year depending on recommendations from the CDC, Washington Ozaukee Health Department, and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**Updated December 30, 2021**

### Mask Requirements:

- Face masks will not be mandatory, however, it is a welcome option for those who feel safer wearing them. It is our priority to maintain in-person learning. We will continue to follow local and state directives as required.

### Classrooms:

- Students will be distanced as much as possible (3 to 6 feet) within the classrooms.
- Middle School students will move from classroom to classroom.
- The STREAM Lab and MASH room will be utilized by all the classes. Surfaces will be wiped down between classes.
- Water fountains will **not** be available. Water bottle fillers will be available to refill individual student water bottles. Please make sure that your child brings one from home.

### Lunch:

- The lunch periods will be as follows.
  - Grades 1-4 11:05 - 11:35
  - Grades 5 - 8 11:10 - 11:40
  - K4 and K5 11:25 - 11:55
- The tables will be spread out throughout the cafeteria allowing for as much distance between them as possible.

### Phy Ed Classes:

- Students (grades 5-8) will be given the opportunity to change into their gym clothes before gym class and will change back into their school clothes afterward. **Students should *not* wear their gym clothes to school.** Please follow the mass day/non-mass day dress code in our handbook.
- Phy Ed classes will be held outside whenever possible.

### Daily Monitoring:

- **Parents/families are our first line of defense!** Please help us keep everyone safe and keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms. We need to work together to navigate through this pandemic and keep our doors open for our children to learn in person.
- Please monitor your child daily for symptoms. Symptoms to watch for, according to the Health Department are as follows.

- Symptoms are considered consistent with COVID-19 when one of the symptoms marked with a (^) or two of the other symptoms are present above baseline for that individual.
- Cough^ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing^ New loss of taste or smell^ Congestion or runny nose Fever or chills\* Nausea or vomiting\* Diarrhea\* Headache Fatigue Muscle or body aches Sore throat
- \*Note: Vomiting, diarrhea, and fever – alone or together – should exclude a person from school or child care.

**Quarantine Guidelines For Students Who Test Positive For COVID:** The following protocol has been revised according to the [CDC updates](#) that were released on December 23, 2021. The following guidelines have been taken directly from the CDC press release.

- Given what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation for the public.
  - People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours),
  - follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.

The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to the onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

- Additionally, CDC is updating the **recommended quarantine period** for anyone in the general public who is [exposed to COVID-19](#).
  - For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.
  - Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person [wear a well-fitting mask](#) at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure.
  - Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
  - For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

### **COVID Plan Modification beginning January 3, 2022:**

**If a student has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, the family will be contacted by the school office. It will be up to parents to determine (based upon their child's vaccination status, history of exposure to the virus, etc) whether or not they need to quarantine. All students, in school, who were in close contact will be required to:**

- Wear a mask in indoor spaces for **10** days after exposure. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after their last close contact.
- Contact the school if your child develops symptoms or tests positive during this time.

### Virtual Learning:

- Learning will be in-person each day, including the weeks following holiday breaks unless the situation changes. Parents will be notified if a shift to virtual learning is necessary.
- Our teachers will be using the following virtual learning platforms in the event that virtual learning is necessary.
  - Grades K4-1: SeeSaw
  - Grades 2-8: Google Classroom
- **If a student tests positive for COVID 19 or chooses to quarantine for reasons of close contact, arrangements will be made with the classroom teacher to ensure continued learning for those students.**

