

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## COVID-19 Guidelines - School Year 2021-2022

We are very excited to begin our 2021-2022 school year back on campus at St. John the Baptist Catholic School (SJS). Throughout this unprecedented and challenging time, in addition to following the guidelines set forth by our county, state, and national health officials, we have been blessed by an incredibly supportive community and have relied on the strength of our faith and the Holy Spirit.

It is imperative that when a student or staff member have any COVID-19 symptoms, they stay home and follow the protocol. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Filice. Together we can create another phenomenal year for our students and families as we continue to learn, grow, and walk with Christ together.

### Safety Measures

1. Masks
  - Masks are optional outdoors.
  - Students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per [CDPH face mask guidance](#). Adults on campus are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
  - Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
  - If a student doesn't have a mask, one will be provided for them. In the event a student cannot wear a mask due to an approved exemption, accommodations will be made. Please see Mr. Filice.
2. Physical distancing
  - Physical distancing in the classroom or elsewhere is not required since SJS will be mandating masks at all times on campus.
3. Ventilation
  - For indoor spaces, ventilation will be optimized.
4. Stay Home When Sick and Get Tested
  - Follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested from the [CDC](#).
  - Getting tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are [consistent with COVID-19](#) will help with rapid contact tracing and prevent possible spread at schools.
  - Staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection cannot return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
    - a. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and

- b. Other symptoms have improved; and
  - c. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
5. Surveillance Testing will be recommended on an as needed basis, based on specific situational circumstances, and as determined by Principal Filice and/or by recommendation of the public health department.
- Testing for Athletics will be done in accordance with the Diocese of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County Public Health guidelines.
  - SJS is in the process of contracting with Avellino Lab to have COVID testing available on site, as needed. Avellino will go through your insurance and charge the government for those that are uninsured. More details to come as we finalize this agreement.
    - a. In the meantime, SJS will be using Curative Labs for testing on an as needed basis. The cost of each test is \$125 per test, which will be covered by SJS.
6. Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation
- All COVID-19 cases will be reported to the local public health department.
  - SJS's COVID-19 liaison is Principal Filice. Mr. Filice will assist the local health department with contact tracing and investigation.
7. Quarantine Protocol for Vaccinated
- For those who are vaccinated, follow the [CDPH Fully Vaccinated People Guidance](#) regarding quarantine.
8. Modified Quarantine Protocol for Unvaccinated will be followed for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask:
- When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a Modified Quarantine as follows:
    - The student may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:
      - a. Are asymptomatic.
      - b. Continue to appropriately mask, as required.
      - c. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
      - d. Students in a Modified Quarantine cannot participate in any extracurricular activities at school, including sports, extended care, and activities within the community setting.

9. Quarantine for Unvaccinated [close contacts](#) who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure with unvaccinated students.
  - For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
    - a. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing, OR
    - b. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if the student takes a test after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
  - To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
    - a. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND
    - b. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
    - c. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.
  
10. Hand hygiene. SJS will:
  - Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
  - Promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, or removing gloves.
  - Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.
  
11. Cleaning
  - Spaces will be cleaned once a day and disinfected, as recommended.
  - If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.
  
12. Food Service
  - SJS will maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating indoors, as necessary.
  - Eating will be done outdoors as much as feasible and weather permitting.
  - Given very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.

### 13. COVID-19 Infection in the Classroom

In the event the COVID positive case is in a classroom of unvaccinated students, the following protocol will also be followed:

- All students and teachers will wear a mask properly at all times – in and out of the classroom.
- Students will be spaced from each other, as permissible, with desk placement in rows to help prevent the spread of germs. Desk shields will be used.
- Students will have their temperatures taken daily when they arrive.
- Students will be required to wash their hands upon entering and exiting the classroom throughout the day.
- Desks will be cleaned and sanitized before school, at lunch and again after school.
- All windows will remain open in order to keep continuous airflow throughout the room.
- Students who show up or begin exhibiting any covid related symptoms at school will be sent home.
- If parents have any reason to believe their child is not feeling well, please keep them at home as a safety precaution.
- **Covid Testing will be required.** Please inform the teacher and Principal Filice immediately in the case of any positive tests results.

Each exposed unvaccinated student will need to test:

- a. Immediately after being exposed to someone with COVID-19.
  - b. Subsequent testing should occur at least 3 days apart.
  - c. The Modified Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
- The class may or may not revert to Distance Learning, as each situation will be evaluated at that time with the decision of moving to Distance Learning being made by Principal Filice and the teacher.
  - All other grades will remain open.
  - Students in other grades with siblings in the class with the close contact do not have to quarantine.
  - If families are not comfortable sending their student(s) to school, even in another grade, they are to contact the teacher and cc the office on the email so we can make arrangements for work to be provided, similar to any other absence. This will be an excused absence.

The information sources for the creation of this document are listed below.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Schools-FAQ.aspx>

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