

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

COVID Health Response & Return to School Protocol

3.8.2021
UPDATE

Parents must be committed to these safety practices:



Ensure your child is **fever-free** (without medications) each morning prior to coming to school. Keep your child home if s/he has fever or is not feeling well.



Send your child to school with a filled, clear **water bottle** labeled with your child's name.



All PK3-2nd grade students should have a **mask** in their backpack. Adults and 3rd-8th grade students will wear their masks per current protocol.



Report any positive COVID tests to the school nurse or first aid office and return to school after cleared by a physician.

CONTACT

Student or employee has had CONTACT with a COVID-positive individual from their household or community

HIGH RISK EXPOSURE

Household or community close contact, defined as someone who was within 6 ft. of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection).

**DO NOT
RETURN TO
SCHOOL**



QUARANTINE FOR 7 DAYS WITH A NEGATIVE PCR TEST ON DAY 5 OR 6



CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT GETTING TESTED



ANTIBODY TESTS WILL NOT SHORTEN QUARANTINE TIME



MONITOR SYMPTOMS FOR 14 DAYS

LOW RISK EXPOSURE

Less than 15 total minutes in 24 hours of exposure to the person, more than 6 feet away, mask on and without direct contact.

**OK TO
RETURN TO
SCHOOL**



NO QUARANTINE NECESSARY



RETURN TO SCHOOL



WEAR A MASK



MONITOR SYMPTOMS

TESTED

Student or employee has TESTED for COVID

OLF COVID RESPONSE PLAN

TESTED POSITIVE



RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:



24 hours symptom-free without the use of fever-reducing medications

AND



improvements in symptoms (e.g., GI, cough, shortness of breath)

AND



at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

ONCE ALL OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA ARE MET, STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE SHOULD CONTACT SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE FOR CLEARANCE TO RETURN



TESTED NEGATIVE

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:



24 hours symptom-free without the use of fever-reducing medications

AND



improvements in symptoms (e.g., GI, cough, shortness of breath)

ONCE ALL OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA ARE MET, STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE SHOULD CONTACT SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE FOR CLEARANCE TO RETURN

OLF HEALTH OFFICE:
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NOT TESTED

Student or employee has NOT TESTED for COVID but is showing symptoms

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER:



24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications

AND



improvements in symptoms (e.g., GI, cough, shortness of breath)

AND



at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

OR



cleared by a physician who evaluated patient for symptoms by physical exam or PCR testing

ONCE ALL OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA ARE MET, STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE SHOULD CONTACT SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE FOR CLEARANCE TO RETURN

CONTACT GUIDELINES

If a student or employee is showing symptoms, who else should quarantine

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CONTACT GUIDELINES

SIBLINGS: If a student has **observed or suspected** COVID symptoms, please contact OLF Health Office for guidance regarding other siblings.

CLASSES: If 2 people test positive in a class, the entire class may be considered for quarantine, depending on circumstances.

BUS RIDERS: All students must wear masks on the bus, per LPSS guidelines.

Each case is different, and we will always err on the side of caution.

COVID PROCEDURE

School procedure when a student presents with COVID symptoms

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01

If a student presents with symptoms such as headache, fever, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, cough, etc., the OLF Health Office will evaluate.

02

When a parent picks up a student, the nurse will share findings and impressions and make recommendations. Parents will be asked for other close contacts and will be encouraged to notify those families about the situation. We strongly encourage families to notify us if a non-Fatima sibling tests positive.

03

The nurse will maintain documentation and records for students and staff. She will be the main contact for parents, families and staff.



The same guidelines apply to school employees and volunteers. Reporting to the nurse is mandatory. Confidentiality will be maintained. The employee or volunteer is encouraged to notify close contacts.

Notification letters will be sent to families and staff with general information and in compliance with HIPAA and FERPA laws to protect confidentiality.

MASK UPDATES

Updates from the CDC regarding proper face coverings

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Masks with exhalation valves or vents are not recommended because they allow breathing through the valve or vent.

All face coverings should be snug but comfortable against the side of the face, covering the nose and mouth.

The cloth coverings should include multiple layers of fabric. If a gaiter is only one layer of fabric, it is not in compliance with CDC recommendations.