

Updated Covid-19 Information as of Aug. 26, 2024

Daily Prescreening for Students

We are asking that parents continue to perform a daily symptom check on their child. If the answer is YES to any of the following questions, your child must stay home from school.

- Does your child have a fever (100.4° F or greater) without fever-reducing medications? (If you are in need of a thermometer, please contact your child's school)
- Does your child have a sore throat?
- Does your child have a new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for children with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)?
- Does your child have diarrhea or vomiting?
- Does your child have new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever?
- Does your child have a recent loss of taste or smell?
- Does your child have congestion/runny nose

Covid-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is an important tool to help detect and prevent the spread of the virus. St. Ignatius does not currently require COVID-19 testing. Test kits are available from your healthcare provider and most pharmacies.

Quarantine and Isolation

St. Ignatius School follows the latest guidance and requirements from state and local health departments regarding quarantine and isolation periods. Each individual case involving exposure to COVID-19 or a confirmed case of COVID-19 is evaluated based on its individual circumstances and the ability to return to school or work may vary. Below are general guidelines currently in use, but individual cases may vary.

Requirement if Exposed

An individual is considered exposed or a close contact exposure if in the same room or other contained space indoors for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period during a COVID-19 positive person's highly infectious period. The infectious period is considered to be two days prior to and 5 days after the onset of symptoms or first positive test if asymptomatic.

Even if not required to isolate or quarantine by current health guidance, it is recommended that any exposed persons should test for COVID-19 three to five days after their last date of exposure, wear a well fitted face covering and closely monitor for any symptoms.

Per Public Health COVID-19 Positive Test Result

If a student or staff has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Site administrators will identify close contact exposures and communicate to parents. Recommend testing for close contact exposures. School/office/class may remain open.

Students and staff who test positive but are asymptomatic are not considered infectious and do not require any isolation from school or work.

Individuals who test positive and have symptoms must isolate. Isolation periods last until the individual has been fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved. There is no longer a 5 day required isolation period. Of note, employees returning after testing positive must wear a mask while indoors for 10 days from the day of the start of symptoms.