

Diocese of Springfield Response Guidelines for COVID-19 Events

Catholic Schools

Event	Location of Event	Testing Result	Quarantine
Student or Staff Member is COVID-19 symptomatic	If an individual is symptomatic <u>at home</u> , they should stay home and get tested.	Individual tests <u>negative</u>	Return to school once 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in symptoms, without the use of fever reducing medications.
	If an individual student is symptomatic on <u>the bus or at school</u> , they should remain masked and adhere to strict physical distancing. Students will then be met by the nurse and stay in the medical waiting room until they can go home. They should not be sent home on the bus.	Individual tests <u>positive</u>	Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school, notify personal close contacts, assist the school in contact tracing efforts, and answer the call from the local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative. Most people who have relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days <u>and</u> until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms.
	If an individual staff member is symptomatic at school, they should inform their direct supervisor to find coverage for their duties and then go home and get tested.	Individual <u>is not tested</u>	Remain home in self-isolation for 10 days from symptom onset, then return once 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in symptoms, without the use of fever reducing medications.

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Student or Staff Member is a close contact but not living with COVID-19 positive individual	<p>If an individual is at <u>home</u> when they learn they were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, they should stay at home and be tested 5 days after their last exposure.</p>	<p>Individual tests <u>positive</u></p>	<p>Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school, notify personal close contacts, assist the school in contact tracing efforts, and answer the call from the local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative. Most people who have relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days and until _____ at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in symptoms, without the use of fever reducing medications.</p>
	<p>If a faculty or staff member is informed they were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, they should inform their supervisor and leave work immediately. They should stay at home and be tested 5 days after their last exposure.</p> <p>If a student is <u>at school</u> when they learn they were in close contact with <small>an individual who tested positive for</small> COVID-19, the parents should be contacted right away to pick up or give permission to dismiss their child if they drive to school. The student should wait in the designated COVID-19 room until they are picked up or dismissed. They should stay at home and be tested 5 days after their last exposure.</p>	<p>Individual tests <u>negative</u> <small>or</small> <u>is not tested</u></p>	<p>Remain home and self-quarantine consistent with the guidance below:</p> <p>At least 7 days, provided that all of the following are satisfied and can return on Day 8 if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are tested (either polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen test) on day 5 or later from their last exposure to the positive individual and receive a negative test result; • They have not experienced any symptoms up to this point; • They participate at the school in documented active monitoring for symptoms through day 14. If new symptoms develop, follow symptomatic individual protocols and self-isolate. <p>At least 10 days, provided that all of the following are satisfied and can return to school without a test on Day 11 if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have not experienced any symptoms up to this point; • They participate at the school in documented active monitoring for symptoms through day 14. If new symptoms develop, follow symptomatic student protocols and self-isolate. <p>At least 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, and can return to school on Day 15 if: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have experienced any symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have a negative COVID-19 test; or • They do not want the school to conduct active monitoring of symptoms.

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Student or Staff Member is exposed to and living with COVID-19 positive individual	If an individual learns that someone living in their home tested positive for COVID-19, they should first follow standard protocols if they are at school. If they do not have symptoms, they must refrain from coming to school for 10 days from the date the positive test was administered as well as an additional 5 days until they can be tested (A total of at least 15 days). If they develop symptoms over this period, they should follow protocols for a symptomatic individual.	Individual tests <u>positive</u>	Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school, notify personal close contacts, assist the school in contact tracing efforts, and answer the call from the local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative. Most people who have relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days and until _____ at least 24 hours have passed with no fever and improvement in symptoms, without the use of fever reducing medications.
		Individual tests negative or <u>is not tested</u>	After the preliminary 10 day quarantine the following quarantine guidelines apply: At least 7 days, provided that all of the following are satisfied and can return to school on Day 18 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are tested (either polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen test) on day 5 or later from their last exposure to the positive individual and receive a negative test result; • They have not experienced any symptoms up to this point; • They participate at the school in documented active monitoring for symptoms through day 14. If new symptoms develop, follow symptomatic student protocols and self-isolate. At least 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, and can return to school on Day 25 if: _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have experienced any symptoms during the quarantine period, even if they have a negative COVID-19 test; or • They do not get a COVID-19 test; • They are unable to conduct active monitoring of symptoms;