

Good afternoon Parents and Guardians,

As previously mentioned, in the prior updates to the South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools Health and Safety Plan, we will continue to monitor the COVID pandemic and make appropriate changes. Below is a summary of the most recent updates from the Director of Catholic Schools, Michelle Peduto's office on January 3, 2022. Students continue to do a wonderful job following all protocols put in place and have adjusted to the changes since the beginning of the school year. As always, we greatly appreciate your support and adherence to the Health and Safety plan so we can continue to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our students, faculty, and administrative staff.

The major update in the newest revision is that individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will now only need to quarantine in isolation for five (5) days instead of ten (10).

RETURN TO SCHOOL CHART

SCENARIO	WHO	GUIDANCE TO RETURN
#1 Negative Test	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.	None
#2 COVID-19 Like Symptoms	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Get tested for COVID-19 and do not attend school until test results are received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Negative test result: Return to school based on clinical criteria for an alternative diagnosis. If no alternative diagnosis is known, return to school 24 hours after symptoms are improved. ○ Positive test result: Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. <p><i>If not tested, assume the individual is positive, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</i></p>
#3 Tested Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)	Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do not attend school and isolate at home for 5 days. ● If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving, after 5 days, isolation is complete and the individual can return to school. ● An individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for 5 additional days. <p><i>If an individual has a fever, continue to stay home until 24 hours after the fever resolves.</i></p>
#4 Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 & Fully Vaccinated/Boosted (Close Contact/ Quarantine)	If individual: Has been boosted OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An individual can attend school; no quarantine is required. ● An individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for 10 days.

	<p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Test on day 5, if possible; if individual does not have symptoms while waiting for test results, they are permitted to attend school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Negative test result: Continue to attend school and wear a mask until 10 days is complete. ○ Positive test result: Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. <p><i>If an individual develops symptoms during quarantine or upon return to school, they should get tested, stay home, be excluded from school, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #2.</i></p>
<p>#5 Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 & NOT Boosted or Vaccinated (Close Contact/Quarantine)</p>	<p>If individual:</p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Are not vaccinated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do not attend school and quarantine at home for 5 days. ● If no symptoms after 5 days, quarantine is complete and the individual can return to school. ● An individual should wear a mask while at school regardless of the school's current masking policy and outside of the home when around others for an additional 5 days. ● Test on day 5, if possible; if an individual does not have symptoms while waiting for test results, they are permitted to attend school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Negative test result: Attend school and wear a mask for an additional 5 days. Allegheny County Health Department COVID-19 Updated Quarantine & Isolation Tool December 30, 2021, #3 Scenario Who Return-to-School Guidance ○ Positive test result: Follow return to school guidance for scenario #3. <p><i>If an individual develops symptoms during quarantine or upon return to school, they should get tested, stay home, be excluded from school, and follow return to school guidance for scenario #2.</i></p>