



SAINT COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL

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The welfare and health of the students and staff of Saint Columbkille School is our highest priority. As a result, and in accordance with the State of Ohio COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools, all students will be expected to comply with the following policies and instructions, the purpose of which is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and to help prevent its spread. Please read this policy carefully and sign at the end to acknowledge that you have read and understand what is being expected of you and that you understand and assume the risks related to COVID-19 and returning to school.

1. **Daily Health Check at Home.** Prior to coming to school each and every day, parents shall conduct a health check of their child to assess whether the child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The daily health check shall consist of the following:
 - a. Taking the child's temperature.
 - b. Through discussion with the child and personal observation of the parent, assess if the child is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:
 - Fever of over 100 °F
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

For up to date information about COVID-19 symptoms and for an interactive symptom checker/self-assessment tool, parents and guardians should visit the website of the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

If the child has a fever of greater than 100°F or is experiencing any other symptom listed above (or as updated from time to time by the School), the child must stay home from school and the parent must notify the school.

Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines, families, caregivers and staff shall, as soon as possible, notify the school if (i) they have been exposed to COVID-19, (ii) they, or any members of their households, have been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19, or (iii) they are quarantined. Personnel and students with known exposure to someone with diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 must self-quarantine at home for 14 days or as otherwise advised or instructed by the local health department. Students who travel to a location with known community spread may choose to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

For a list of COVID-19 testing facilities, please consult your health care professional or go to <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>.

2. **Temperature Check at School.** Student temperatures will be taken each day as students enter the building or as may otherwise be in accordance with the guidance of the county board of health. Students who have a fever of greater than 100°F or who have other symptoms may not remain at school. Such students will be immediately directed to a designated spot to be isolated from others except for the staff designated to monitor and care for such students until they go home.
3. **Hand Washing & Sanitizing.** Students are expected to wash their hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, including if their hands are dirty, before and after eating, after using the restroom, at other appropriate times (e.g., after blowing their nose/coughing/sneezing, and after touching garbage), and as otherwise instructed. Hand sanitizer, provided by the school at various places around the school, should be used by students to supplement hand washing, including when entering the school or entering or exiting a classroom. Parents and guardians should discuss handwashing with their child. For instructions and information about hand washing and sanitizing, parents and guardians should visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/child-development/how-to-wash-hands.htm>.
4. **Social Distancing.** Students must practice social distancing whenever possible. Social distancing means:
 - a. Maintaining six feet of space between oneself and others at all times possible, including in classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, and pick-up and drop-off areas.
 - b. If maintaining six feet of space is not possible, maintaining as much space between oneself and others.
 - c. Following all directions and instructions given or posted regarding social distancing.
 - d. Follow all floor or other markings indicating the designated flow of traffic in hallways, rooms, and elsewhere.
 - e. Avoid when possible sharing items, materials, and spaces with others.
 - f. Maintain social distancing if possible on the bus to and from school.
5. **Face Masks and Coverings.** Face masks or coverings shall be worn by students if and when required by any law, regulation, or governmental order. All students in grades 3 and up are required to wear face masks throughout the school day as well as when being transported to and from school on the bus unless the student is unable to do so for health, safety, developmental, or practical reasons. Students are permitted to wear face shields in the following circumstances: (1) where cloth masks might present a safety hazard (for example,

in a science lab); or (2) where the student has difficulty wearing a cloth face covering verified by a note from the student's parent or legal guardian. Students in K through 2nd grade are also encouraged to wear face masks or shields if possible, taking into consideration each student's development and tolerance for wearing a mask. Face masks or coverings shall be worn by all students if and when required by any law, regulation, or governmental order. To be effective, face masks should cover the nose, mouth, and chin of the student and should be made of cloth. Parents and guardians are expected to talk with their child about the importance of wearing masks and to instruct the child on the proper wearing of a mask.

6. **Students who become Sick at School.** A student who, while at school, develops a fever of greater than 100°F or exhibits any one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 (not including anything that the school administration reasonably believes to be unrelated to illness, such as seasonal allergies, or isolated incidents of coughing or sneezing) may not remain at school and must be picked up and taken home at the earliest opportunity. Such students will be immediately directed to a designated spot to be isolated from others except for the staff designated to monitor and care for such students until they go home. In the case of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case, the school will call the local health department to report the matter and obtain guidance. Any student who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 may not return to school until such student meets the CDC's criteria for returning to school. Others who may have been potentially exposed will be notified in accordance with the directives or advice of the local health department.