



Pope John Paul II  
Regional Catholic Elementary School

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*Growing in Faith, Learning for Tomorrow*

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Dear Families,

As we head into the second winter of the pandemic, it is important to remember and adhere to all of the safety protocols which have helped to keep us safely open this school year. We are all tired of dealing with repercussions and all that it has taken from us, but we can and will continue to work together to help our children remain safely educated.

Here are a few reminders for your review: The reference chart is attached below.

- Accurately fill out the Health and Safety Form for each student each morning by 7:30.
- Keep your child at home if they exhibit symptoms according to the attached chart
- Limit travel to other states and follow travel procedures otherwise.
- Practice social distancing and reinforce mask wearing and hand washing with your children.
- Report to the school if you or your child has contact with people who are positive, self-isolate if necessary.

The availability of a vaccine offers hope, but we still need to take the virus seriously, especially with the new variants which have emerged and which are reportedly more contagious.

### **School year 2021-2022**

The CDC and CCHD indicate the probability that restrictions and recommendations in place for schools will remain for the 2021-2022 school year. That means that schools which now offer hybrid learning models, virtual only instruction and reduced class sizes may be forced to continue their current model for the 2021-2022 school year. PJP II will continue with our plan as it is written and make adjustments as CDC guidance changes. The reduced class sizes, cohorts and social distance policies, which have been so successful this year will remain in place until it is determined they are no longer needed. The deadline for registration for 2021-2022 is March 15 and new families are currently being accepted. We welcomed many new families to our school during this pandemic and look forward to continued growth and success.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and support through this challenging year. Our students and teachers pray daily for our families and community. Together we will succeed.

Warmly,

Mrs. Tarquinio and Mrs. Wentzel  
Pandemic Coordinators

# Quick Reference Guide Health and Safety Plan for COVID - 19

## 1/21/21

When should I keep my child(ren) home?

If your child has **one** symptom from Group A **OR two or more** symptoms from Group B, we ask you to keep them home. They will need one of the following before they return to school:

A negative COVID test,

**OR**

A 10 day quarantine,

**OR**

A doctor's note with a non-COVID diagnosis **and** be symptom-free  
or 48 hours

If your child presents with the above mentioned symptoms at school, they will be sent home to follow the same procedure.

<b>Group A</b> 1 or more symptoms	<b>Group B</b> 2 or more symptoms	
Fever (100.4 °F or higher)	Sore throat	Headache
Cough	Chills	Congestion or runny nose
Shortness of breath	Muscle pain	Nausea or vomiting
Difficulty breathing		Diarrhea
Lack of taste or smell (without congestion)		

Please review the timeline on the next page for the procedures and timelines that we use here at PJP II for exclusion from and returning to school due to illness.

### Travel Policy for PJP Students

If your child(ren) travels out of state, even over the weekend, they must be quarantined for 10 days or receive a negative COVID test result.

All states are currently considered to be travel "hot spots."

## COVID - 19 Specific Procedures for Exclusion and Returning to In-Person School

Scenario	Exclude From School	Return to School After...
#1 – None	No	Not applicable
#2 – COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19; individuals awaiting test results should be excluded from school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If the test result is <u>negative</u>, return to school following readmission criteria illustrated in PA Code, § 27.73. Readmission of excluded children, and staff having contact with children. If no alternative diagnosis is known, return to school 48 hours after symptoms are improved.</li> <li>➤ If test result is <u>positive</u>, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</li> </ul> <p>If individual is not tested, follow return to school guidance for scenario #2a, 2b or 2c.</p>
#2a- COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes	Pediatrician does not recommend test, but provides note of other diagnosis, student may return 48 hours after the last symptom experienced.
#2b- COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes	Pediatrician does not recommend test, but does NOT provide a note for other diagnosis–student may return 10 days after symptoms appeared.
#2c-- COVID-19 Symptoms	No	Doctor’s note on file diagnosing seasonal allergies
#3 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>with</u> Symptoms	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 3 days with no fever <b>and</b></li> <li>➤ improvement in symptoms <b>and</b></li> <li>➤ 10 days since symptoms first appeared</li> </ul>
#4 – Positive COVID-19 PCR Test <u>without</u> Symptoms	Yes	<p>10 days after the PCR test was collected</p> <p>If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</p>
#5 – Close Contact <u>with</u> Symptoms	Yes	<p>Individuals should be tested for COVID-19; individuals awaiting test results should be excluded from school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If the test result is <u>negative</u>, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved.</li> <li>➤ If test result is <u>positive</u>, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3.</li> <li>➤ If individual is not tested, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3 (assumed positive).</li> </ul>
#6 – Close Contact of	Yes	14 days after the date of last exposure to the person with COVID-19

COVID-19 <u>without</u> Symptoms		➤ If symptoms develop during 14 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5.
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