

This message is being sent to all St. Mark families registered in FACTS Family Portal.

Dear Parents: As we head into Thanksgiving break, we are asking our families to be extra vigilant about maintaining COVID-19 precautions. Cases are on the rise around us, but through the grace of God, we are still holding strong at St. Mark.

That being said, through contact tracing, we are beginning to see an uptick in the number of people in our community identified as “close contacts” to others outside the school who have tested positive for COVID-19. A “close contact” is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more.

When identified as a close contact, a 14-day quarantine is required, and that individual may not physically return to the school campus during that period.

These close contacts are coming from two main sources: carpools and sporting activities outside of school.

Following are ways that you can help reduce your family’s exposure and keep our school community safe and healthy:

1. If you carpool with individuals outside of your immediate family, please ensure that everyone in the car wears a face mask at all times.
2. If your student is involved in sporting activities, please keep social distance from other families and wear face masks at all times.
3. If you choose to travel, or gather with others outside of your immediate family, please ensure that all individuals wear face masks and maintain social distancing. [We urge everyone to review the CDC safety guidelines for daily activities, gatherings, travel, etc.](#)

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we strive to keep our community safe, and our school doors open. We are so thankful for our families, and wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!