



Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

Called by Christ to learn, love and lead... courageously.

August 26, 2021

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Community,

As the first week of the school year draws to a close, I am thankful for the opportunity to welcome our students and families back into our buildings. As we did throughout the 2020-21 academic year, we continue to share guidance, news, and building level data related to COVID-19 with you. Our goal in this process is to support our parents, as the primary educators of their children, in making informed decisions. We will continue to work with the Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD), as well as review building level metrics, to determine if/when a change in policy or procedure may be appropriate. At this time, there have not been any changes to our current [COVID-19 policies or procedures](#).

- **Transmission rate:** Saginaw County is currently experiencing a level of “high transmission.” See the [MI Safe Start Map](#) for more information, as well the SCHD [Return-to-Learn Interim Guidance](#) (pg. 2).
- **Vaccinations:** The SCHD is offering walk-in vaccinations on Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact the SCHD for more information. The [FDA has approved](#) the Pfizer vaccine for those 16 and older. It remains under emergency use authorization for those 12 to 15 years old.
- **SCHD guidance for the return to school:**
 - [Prevention strategies](#) (pg. 3)
 - [Requirements and recommendations](#) (pg. 12)
 - [Quarantine guidance](#)
 - Various updates and guidance from the SCHD can be found [here](#).
- **Quarantine:** If an individual is considered a close contact and is unvaccinated, the use of a mask may impact the requirement to quarantine. Based on information from the SCHD, if masked, three feet or less is considered a close contact. If unmasked, 6 feet or less is considered a close contact. (SCHD makes the final determination on quarantine requirements. Other factors not listed here can also impact the need to quarantine.
- **Masks:** Although not required at this time, the use of a mask by any student, staff, faculty, or guest in our buildings is welcome and will be supported. Mask and desk shields are available in both buildings.
- **COVID Reporting:** We will continue to post notification of any presumed or confirmed positive cases in school buildings or at school events on the [COVID Reporting](#) page on the school website. At this time, we have not been informed of any presumed or confirmed positive cases in the school building or at school events in the current school year.

Please feel free to reach out to your building leader or me if you have any questions. I hope that your child had an enjoyable first week of school.

Respectfully,

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