

# Immaculate Conception Catholic School COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan 2021-2022

As of Sept. 7, 2021

<p><b>FACE COVERINGS</b></p>	<p>Iowa law prevents schools from requiring face coverings for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. The CDC, however, recommends universal indoor masking in K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School encourages parents to discuss with their child(ren) their family's decision and the importance of respecting the face covering decisions of others.</p>	<p><a href="#">HF847</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-FC</a></p> <p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p>
<p><b>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b></p>	<p>The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students when possible.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School will work to maintain 3 feet of distance within the school setting whenever possible.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-PD</a></p>
<p><b>HAND WASHING</b></p>	<p>The CDC states handwashing is a proven prevention strategy and is one of many important layers of protection for students.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School will utilize reminders and scheduling to promote consistent hand washing throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school building.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-HW</a></p>
<p><b>CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</b></p>	<p>The CDC states proper cleaning and disinfection are important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School will continue cleaning and disinfection efforts throughout the school day including increased cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces, and eating areas.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-C&amp;D</a></p>
<p><b>VENTILATION</b></p>	<p>The CDC recommends multiple strategies for increasing ventilation to maintain a healthy environment at school.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School has routine checks of ventilation and will utilize outdoor spaces when possible.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-V</a></p>
<p><b>WATER FOUNTAINS</b></p>	<p>Water fountains and bottle fillers will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to reduce spread of illness. Water fountains will remain closed. Students may continue to use the bottle filling station.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-C&amp;D</a></p>
<p><b>VACCINATIONS</b></p>	<p>The CDC and IDPH encourage all eligible Iowans to receive the vaccine.</p>	<p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC -</a></p>

	<p>Immaculate Conception School does not require staff or students to be vaccinated, but encourages all those eligible to give it their fullest consideration.</p>	<a href="#">Vacc</a>
<b>VOLUNTEERS &amp; VISITORS</b>	<p>Volunteers and visitors who have tested positive need to follow isolation requirements and may not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p> <p>Volunteers and visitors of Immaculate Conception School who have tested positive will need to follow isolation requirements and not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p>	<a href="#">CDC-Q&amp;I</a>
<b>COVID TRACKING &amp; QUARANTINING</b>	<p>IDPH advises exposed children and staff should not be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. When there is a positive case, parents should be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk.</p> <p>Following IDPH guidance, Immaculate Conception School tracks all student illnesses (Influenza, COVID-19, Norovirus, etc) on a daily basis. Immaculate Conception School will communicate with the school community and IDPH when more than 10% of our students are absent due to illness.</p> <p>Parents who want their child(ren) to quarantine for 14 days when exposed to a positive case should contact the school office to activate our virtual learning option.</p>	<a href="#">IDPH</a>  <a href="#">CDC-CT</a>
<b>ISOLATION</b>	<p>Those testing positive for COVID must be excluded from school for 10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms).</p> <p>At Immaculate Conception School, students and staff must follow the guidelines above after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.</p>	<a href="#">IDPH-Illness chart</a>  <a href="#">IDPH</a>  <a href="#">CDC-Sick at School</a>
<b>STAYING HOME WHEN ILL</b>	<p>Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School asks all parents to stay diligent in keeping students home when ill. School staff will also be asked to stay home with any sign of infectious illness.</p>	<a href="#">CDC-Q&amp;I</a>
<b>MONITORING</b>	<p>The CDC states localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies.</p> <p>Immaculate Conception School will continue to work with the Floyd County Health Department and review guidance from the IDPH, CDC, DE, and Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools.</p>	<a href="#">CDC</a>  <a href="#">CDC COVID Data Tracker</a>
<b>VIRTUAL LEARNING</b>	<p>Immaculate Conception School will offer a short-term virtual learning option for students needing to isolate or quarantine. When an illness or desire to quarantine is reported to school, the school office will provide information about short-term virtual learning.</p>	

