

Aquino Catholic School

COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

2021-2022

As of August 4, 2021

<p>FACE COVERINGS</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>Aquino encourages mask wearing; it is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep our students healthy. Parents should discuss with their child(ren) their family's decision and the importance of respecting the face covering decisions of others.</p>	<p>HF847</p> <p>CDC-EC</p>
<p>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</p>	<p>The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students when possible.</p> <p>Aquino will work to maintain 3 feet of distance within the school setting whenever possible.</p>	<p>CDC-PD</p>
<p>HAND WASHING</p>	<p>The CDC states handwashing is a proven prevention strategy and is one of many important layers of protection for students.</p> <p>Aquino 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>CDC-HW</p>
<p>CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</p>	<p>The CDC states proper cleaning and disinfection are important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.</p> <p>Aquino will continue cleaning and disinfection efforts throughout the school day including increased cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces, and eating areas.</p>	<p>CDC-C&D</p>
<p>VENTILATION</p>	<p>The CDC recommends multiple strategies for increasing ventilation to maintain a healthy environment at school.</p> <p>Aquino has routine professional checks of HVAC equipment and will utilize outdoor spaces when possible.</p>	<p>CDC-V</p>
<p>WATER FOUNTAINS</p>	<p>Water fountains and bottle fillers will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>Aquino students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to reduce spread of illness.</p>	<p>CDC-C&D</p>
<p>VACCINATIONS</p>	<p>The CDC and IDPH encourage all eligible Iowans to receive the vaccine.</p> <p>Aquino does not require staff or students to be vaccinated, but encourages all those eligible to give it their fullest consideration.</p>	<p>IDPH</p> <p>CDC-Vacc</p>

VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS	<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 Aquin who have tested positive will need to follow isolation requirements and not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p>	CDC-Q&I
COVID TRACKING & QUARANTINING	<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>As Aquin becomes aware of positive COVID cases within the school community, an email will be sent to the classroom(s)/group(s) affected.</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>	IDPH CDC-CT
ISOLATION	<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 Aquin, students and staff must follow the guidelines above after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.</p>	IDPH CDC-Sick at School
STAYING HOME WHEN ILL	<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>Aquin 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. Students, teachers, and staff are able to return to school after being fever free for 24 hours and have improved symptoms.</p>	CDC-Q&I
MONITORING	<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>Aquin will continue to work with the Dubuque County Health Department and review guidance from the IDPH, CDC, DE, and Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools.</p>	CDC CDC COVID Data Tracker
VIRTUAL LEARNING	<p>Aquin will offer a long-term virtual learning option for a student with a specific health concern (ie: underlying health condition, etc.). Those interested need to contact the school office at 563-852-3331 or aquinoffice@aquin.org for more information.</p> <p>Aquin 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>	