

Sacred Hearts School Sickness/Health Protocols

Please review these protocols related to COVID-19. The number one priority for all who attend Sacred Hearts School is safety. It is necessary for all parties to communicate in order to keep everyone safe.

Please read through the following protocols carefully.

Scenario 1:

If a child attending Sacred Hearts School is exposed to someone with a positive case of COVID-19 please use the following procedure:

1. Contact the school: 608-837-8508 or Kim Frederick at kim.frederick@shjms.org
2. Keep your child(ren) home or if they are already at school at the time of finding out of a positive case, please plan to pick them up immediately. Pick up should be no longer than 45 minutes from our call. Your child(ren) will be removed from their classroom awaiting your arrival.
3. Please plan for your child(ren) to stay out of the school for 14 days from the last day of exposure. This is per Public Health guidelines. This is regardless of a negative test result.

Scenario 2:

If a child attending Sacred Hearts School has symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to school. Please use the following procedure if at home when symptoms are recognized.

Symptoms include, coughing, fever, shortness of breath, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle pain

1. Keep your child home. Children with a fever of 100 or greater need to stay home and will be sent home if already at school.
2. Contact Sacred Hearts School to report absence. 608-837-8508.
3. Contact health care provide to determine if a COVID test is recommended.
3. Please keep your child home for 72 hours (3 days) after your child is fever free and symptoms are better. This should be a conversation between both parents and principal prior to returning.

Scenario 3:

If a child displays symptoms of COVID-19 while at the school

1. We will immediately isolate your child and contact you.
2. We ask that you arrive to pick up your child as soon as possible.
3. If a test is recommended by a doctor please communicate any results as soon as you are made aware.
4. Your child will be asked to stay home for 72 hours (3 days) fever free or when symptoms have improved. This should be a conversation between both parents and principal prior to returning.

Scenario 4:

If a child or staff member test positive for COVID-19:

1. Contact the school as soon as the test results are received.
2. We will contact Public Health and direction will be determined following our initial contact. We will work closely and follow all guidance provided by Public Health. We will communicate any guidance to necessary parties.
3. Public Health will contact any exposed parties. If you don't receive information from us or Public Health, you can assume your child was not exposed.
4. We will be unable to provide specifics of a positive case to other parents (ie identity) due to confidentiality.
5. A classroom(s) may be quarantined for a period of at least two weeks if there is a positive test of student or staff. This will be determined by and in consultation with Public Health.

Awaiting Test Results: (New 10/26/20)

If a child is being tested (with or without an exposure) they must stay home until the results of the test come back (negative). In addition, siblings may not come to school while another direct family member is being tested. For example, if one child is being tested, the rest of the children need to stay home until the results come back (negative).

We ask that each family exercise extreme caution in terms of the health and safety of all of our children and staff. If you have any question of whether your child is sick, please air on the side of caution, and keep them home.

Link to Public Health Guidelines on different scenarios for reference:

<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/what-to-do-if-you-are-sick-or-possibly-exposed#exposed>