



January 25, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

As many of you know, the CDC updated their quarantine guidelines in December 2020. I just wanted to inform the Holy Spirit community where we stand on the new guidelines and what that means going forward as we start the second half of the school year.

DHS posted their updated Guidelines for the [Guidelines for Prevention, Investigation, and Control of COVID-19 Outbreaks in K-12 Schools in Wisconsin - December 2020](#).

On page 18 of the DHS outbreak guidance it states:

*In December 2020, the CDC revised guidelines, shortening the standard quarantine period from 14 Days to 10 days for people who remain asymptomatic, provided that daily symptom monitoring continues for the full 14 day period. The duration of quarantine may be further shortened to 7 days if the result of a diagnostic COVID-19 test collected on day 6 or 7 is negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. Note that quarantine for 14 full days after the time of exposure remains the safest strategy for preventing asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19. For shortened quarantine periods to be acceptable, the following conditions must be met:*

- *The quarantined person monitors for and reports symptoms twice daily for 14 days.*
- *The quarantined person does not experience any symptoms of COVID-19.*
- *The quarantined person agrees to immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority and/or a healthcare provider if symptoms develop.*
- *The quarantined person adheres strictly to all recommended COVID-19 prevention measures (i.e., consistent mask use, social distancing, and avoiding crowds) for 14 days.*
- *The quarantined person should not participate in any activities such as classroom instruction, athletics, bussing, before school or after school programs, and other extracurricular activities where proper physical distancing (6 ft) cannot be maintained for 14 days.*
- *Students and staff who are be unable to safely and consistently wear masks or maintain physical distancing should quarantine for a full 14-days.*

With what is stated in yellow above, **Holy Spirit is going to follow the guidelines of DHS and maintain the 14-day quarantine for close contacts because it remains the safest strategy for preventing asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19.**

There also is a [new exclusion chart](#) located on pages 29 and 30 of these updated guidelines. There is language that clarifies antigen/PCR testing and reflects the new quarantine guidance.

DHS also updated the [Health Screening Checklist 2020-21](#) with more info, FAQ and definitions.

All these documents are also posted on our [school website](#).

As always, the students and staff's safety is at the forefront of this decision. Please let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Zuleger".

Mike Zuleger  
Principal