



## PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Catholic School Community,

Please note the attached chart with the changes to our COVID-19 protocols (effective February 19, 2021). Due to the decrease in case numbers in Allegheny and surrounding counties along with the growing impact of vaccine distribution, we are now following the less restrictive CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines regarding close contact and travel quarantines. Please be advised that if there are changes in the CDC recommendations or changes in our ability to provide in-person instruction, we will adjust this guidance accordingly.

In addition, there is an **absolute need** to continue to vigilantly follow all health and safety guidelines to include:

- 100% face masking
- Social distancing
- Handwashing
- Facility Cleaning

Please review and continue to follow your school's health and safety plans carefully, so we can continue to provide the healthiest environment for our staff and students.

God bless,

Michelle Peduto

**Updated COVID-19 Guidance (effective February 19, 2021):**

<p><b>CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarantine 10 days after exposure if no symptoms develop</li> <li>• As early as 7 days after exposure if:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individual undergoes a COVID test (PCR test is recommended) <b>5+ days after</b> exposure,</li> <li>○ Test returns negative, and</li> <li>○ 48 hours passes after COVID test before ending quarantine.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>Immunity Exception: People who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months do not need to quarantine after close contact with someone with COVID-19.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Vaccination Exception: If you have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, at least two weeks have passed since the second dose, <u>and</u> not more than three months have passed since the second dose, then you do not need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.</i></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>TRAVELED OUTSIDE PA AND OVER AGE 11</b></p> <p>*Children 11 and under have no obligation to quarantine as a result of travel (unless they have close contact with someone with COVID-19).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No test: Quarantine 10 days from date you return to PA</li> <li>• Negative Test and no attendance at a gathering larger than those permitted in PA within past 10 days:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering PA or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into PA.</li> <li>○ If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering PA or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Negative Test and attended a gathering larger than those permitted in PA within past 10 days:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quarantine 10 days from date you return to PA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vaccination: Receipt of both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine does NOT excuse a traveler from quarantine.</li> </ul>