

# **Saint Patrick Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry**

## **Covid-19 Guidelines**

### **General Guidelines**

- Masks are required for all Religious Ed. Classes and Youth gatherings.
- All parents are encouraged to have their children aged 12 and above vaccinated.
- Temperature checks are required for anyone entering the building.
- If students or volunteers are feeling sick or have any symptoms of being sick, they should STAY HOME.
- Parent/Visitors must check in the Front Office and obtain approval from the Director of Religious education and Youth Ministry to be in the building.
- Steps will be taken for cleaning and hand washing/sanitizing. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Efforts will be made to allow social distancing of 3-6 feet whenever possible.
- Director approval may be granted to remove masks if students/volunteers are outdoors or in an isolated area where there is social distancing of six feet or more.
- Students may be assigned seating based on the need and safety of the program. Such as sitting members of the same household or family in a group.

### **Current Health Department Guidelines Related to COVID-19 will remain in effect for the start of the 2021-2022 Catechetical Year**

1. Students and volunteers who are unvaccinated and have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will have to quarantine for 10 days.
2. Students or volunteers who have been exposed to COVID-19 and are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine unless they are showing symptoms.
3. Unvaccinated individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and are not vaccinated are still considered “vulnerable” by the health department and are also considered unvaccinated.
4. Any religious education program where 2% of the population tests positive for COVID-19 will have to close for 10 calendar days.

### **Alternative Religious Education Options**

Canon Law recognizes that the parents are the first educators of their children. Parents wishing to homeschool their children should contact the DRE regarding textbooks and resources. Diocesan sacramental preparation guidelines include two years of study for First Eucharist and for Confirmation.

### **Purpose of These Guidelines**

1. The guidelines are intended to lower the risk of COVID transmission to our students in religious education and youth programs and to those with whom they mingle.
2. The guidelines are meant to increase the probability that in-person instruction may continue during the catechetical year.