



# St. Theresa School

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Dear STS Family,

Although I told you that I wouldn't be writing this week, all the Covid changes are taking place so rapidly, I thought it best to do so.

As with all the guidance, both from the CDC and the State of NJ, they send out information, but it is in the reading of the "fine print" that one really gets the gist of things. Example: masks are no longer mandated for vaccinated persons outdoors. Question: how do we know who is vaccinated and who is not? And of course, most of our children are NOT vaccinated, so... So that's our dilemma!!!

Here are our responses to all that:

**Regarding Masks:** Although 98% of our teachers and staff have been fully-vaccinated, at STS we will continue with the wearing of masks, both indoors and outdoors, through the end of this school year. That includes teachers, staff, students and any visitors to our campus.

**Regarding Social Distancing:** This HAS been a battle all year with the children, but we will continue trying to enforce it.

### **Regarding Travel Quarantines:**

Here is probably the only situation where we are loosening our school policies. The reason we hadn't done so sooner is because the information being released wasn't consistent: first they said a 14-day quarantine, then they said a 10-day quarantine; whatever the case, STS stuck with the 14-day quarantine. Now, it seems, we can make some changes.

### **For DOMESTIC TRAVEL**

Vaccinated persons must simply self-monitor themselves for Covid-19 symptoms. Non-vaccinated persons should:

- **Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.**
  - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
  - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

### For INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Vaccinated persons must simply self-monitor themselves for Covid-19 symptoms.

Non-vaccinated persons should:

- **Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days** after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
  - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
  - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience any of this may cause.

What can I say? Next year will be better!

God bless and have a good week!



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