



SHRINE CATHOLIC Schools

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Dear Shrine Family,

Since my recent communication with you regarding health and safety guidelines the Oakland County Health Division announced it is mandating universal masking [Health Order 8.24.21](#) while **indoors at all PreK-12 schools and daycares in the county** remaining in effect until community transmission for Oakland County is categorized as “Moderate” by the CDC for at least fourteen consecutive days, or until further notice from the Oakland County Health Officer. This applies to all students and adults, including visitors, regardless of vaccination status. It also applies to athletes and spectators at indoor athletic events. For activities outside of the building, including outdoor practices and competitions, the mandate does not apply.

There are exceptions for children under four years old and individuals with documented medical exemptions.

As stated in the [Archdiocese of Detroit's 2021-22 COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance](#), all AOD schools are expected to follow all state and local Health Department Orders regarding the pandemic. Therefore, since Shrine Catholic Schools are located in Oakland County, all faculty staff and students will be required to wear masks indoors until further notice, in accordance with the emergency health order announced yesterday.

In addition, the Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Catholic Schools has provided further updates regarding action steps for students or staff with positive COVID-10 test results.

Below are steps that will be taken when a student or staff member receives a positive COVID-19 test result.

Upon determination of a confirmed positive case, Shrine Catholic Schools will do the following:

1. Notify our local health department.
2. Determine close contacts. An individual who has been identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case must self-quarantine for ten (10) days. However, if the individual is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after ten (10) days, they must continue to quarantine until they are completely free of COVID-19 symptoms. Close contacts may provide proof of a negative test 5-7 days after contact and return to school at that time.

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****Self-quarantine of a close contact is required unless exceptions listed below apply.***

3. A close contact is defined as someone who is within 6 feet of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.

**Exceptions to Self-Quarantine Requirement after determining close contacts.*

No self-quarantine period is required for a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case in the school setting when an individual is and remains asymptomatic **AND** one of the following applies:

- Within the past three (3) months the close contact provides proof of a positive, confirmatory COVID (PCR) test, **OR**
 - Fourteen (14) days have passed since the close contact was fully vaccinated, (with documentation) **OR**
 - The potential exposure to COVID-19 occurred in a classroom while maintaining at least six (6) feet of physical distance between the two, **OR**
 - The potential exposure to COVID-19 occurred in a classroom while **both the positive COVID-19 case and close contact were masked, and they maintained at least three (3) feet** of physical distance between them.
4. Notify close contacts of quarantine requirements and the school community of positive cases.
 5. Enter information into AOD google doc and update positive case total on school website.

As we get additional communication from the Archdiocese of Detroit we will send out additional updates. Our goal remains to provide uninterrupted in person instruction throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

God Bless,

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