



COVID 19 Specific Sick Guidelines

Partners Religious Education and Foundations Youth Ministry

If known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 positive individual, contact your health care provider for recommendations regarding care and testing

Before leaving for Old St. Patrick's Campus

Parents are required to check for the following symptoms associated with COVID 19 *before* bringing their children to Partners Religious Education/Foundations Youth Ministry gatherings or events:

** If any of these symptoms is present, we ask that the child remain home from Partners class and you notify the teacher of the situation. Please ask the Partners teacher about the material covered in class that day.*

- Fever of 100.4 F or higher
- New onset or worsening cough or shortness of breath
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Headache
- Muscle pain/aches
- Unexplained Fatigue
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New onset loss of taste or smell

During Old St. Patrick's programs/classes/events

Students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms while in class:

- Will be isolated in a designated area and monitored
- Parents will be contacted and required to pick up student immediately
- Parent will be directed to contact their physician and to obtain COVID-19 testing
- Old St. Pat's strongly recommends the standard molecular PCR test. According to the Chicago Department of Public Health: *PCR tests are more sensitive than antigen tests, meaning they are better at picking up the virus and there is a lower likelihood of false negative tests.*

- All unvaccinated siblings and family members attending Partners or Foundations will need to go home and remain home until the symptomatic student receives a negative COVID 19 test
- Parent is required to inform the Director of Family Ministry in the event of a positive diagnosis of COVID-19
- Symptomatic child will be required to be isolated for 10 days if he/she/they does not receive a COVID-19 test. All unvaccinated household members of the positive case (symptomatic child) must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive case. If the unvaccinated household members cannot separate from the positive child, they must quarantine for a minimum of 24 days (10 days for the case's isolation + 14-day quarantine from the last day of the case's isolation.)

Teachers/Leaders presenting with COVID-19 symptoms:

- Old St. Pat's strongly recommends the standard molecular PCR test. According to the Chicago Department of Public Health: *PCR tests are more sensitive than antigen tests, meaning they are better at picking up the virus and there is a lower likelihood of false negative tests.*
- All family members who attend Old St. Pat's will need to go home and remain home until the symptomatic teacher/leader receives a negative COVID-19 test.
- Teachers/leaders are required to inform Old St. Pat's administration in the event of a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Teachers/leaders are required to submit documentation of a negative COVID-19 test prior to their return to work.
- OSP Staff and Administration will be notified.
- Teacher/leader will be directed to contact their physician and obtain COVID-19 testing

Return criteria for students and teachers/leaders with **NON-COVID-19** symptoms:

- If diagnosed with a non-COVID-19 condition requiring an antibiotic, students/leaders/teachers must have completed 24 hours of antibiotic treatment before returning to school and submit a written physician clearance to return to school.

Return to school criteria for students and staff with **COVID-19** symptoms:

- All students and teachers/leaders who have recently presented with COVID-19 symptoms for more than 24 hours must be diagnostically tested (COVID-19) and isolate at home. Students and leaders/teachers should remain home from Partners/Foundations until they receive the test results.
 - ✓ If they receive a negative test result, they are welcome to return to Old St. Pat's events/ Programs.
 - ✓ If the test result is presumed positive, they must isolate and not return to Old St. Pat's until 10 days after consultation with a doctor and 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms.
- An individual who has tested positive for COVID must isolate for 10 days, after which the individual can return to Old St. Pat's for events and programs, if it has been 24 hours with no fever and symptoms have subsided. See the [CDC guidelines for Quarantine and Isolation](#) here.
 - ✓ If members of the household of the positive COVID case cannot completely separate from the symptomatic individual, he/she/they must quarantine for a minimum of 24 days (10 days for the case's isolation = 14-day quarantine from the last day of the contagious period).
 - ✓ For unvaccinated individuals: a negative COVID-19 test, after a known exposure DOES NOT end your quarantine. You must complete your 14 day quarantine.

Return to Partners for students and staff after known exposure to COVID 19:

A **close contact** is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without face covering) for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day. The period of close contact begins two calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or two calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person).

- **Unvaccinated close contacts** to a case of COVID-19 must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive case. If a household member cannot separate from the positive case, he/she/they must quarantine for a minimum of 24 days (10 days for the case's isolation + 14-day quarantine from the last day of the case's isolation/contagious period)
- **Vaccinated close contacts** to a case of COVID-19 do *not* need to quarantine after a close contact with someone with COVID unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after exposure and should wear a mask in public spaces for 14 days or until a negative test result is received.