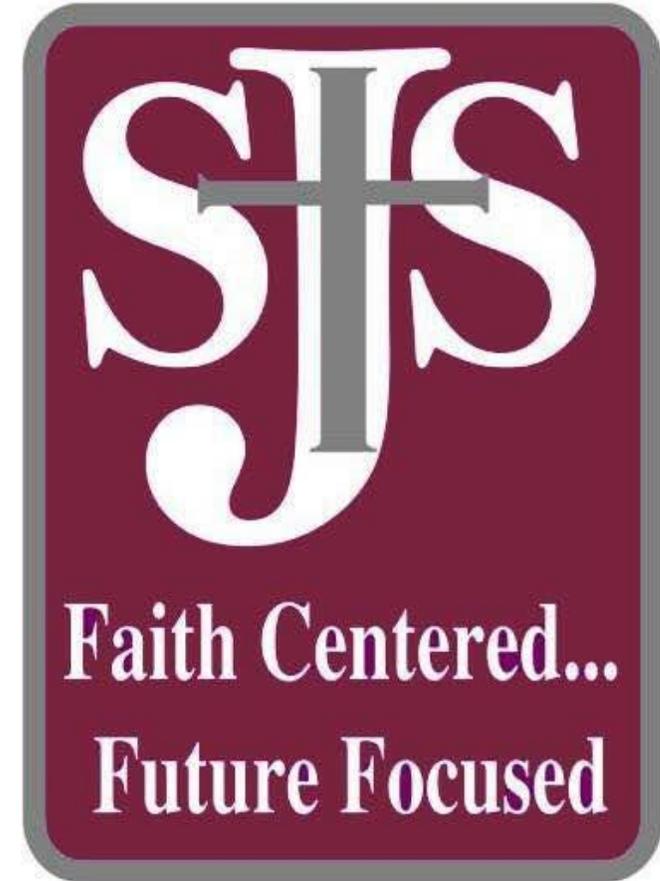


School Safety Plan

We Build Our Faith



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*St. Joseph Catholic School reserves the right to amend, revise, or replace any of contents of the Back to School Safety Plan at any time during the 2021-2022 school year.

Arrival/Drop Off

- Drive-up drop-off procedures will be used.
- Masks are recommended, but optional for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- Students will enter the building when they arrive.
- Social distancing protocols will be followed when entering the building.
- Hand sanitizer will be used by all students when they enter their classrooms.
- Parents and visitors are able to enter the building.



Health and Safety Procedures/Precautions

- **Please do not send your child/ren to school if they are not feeling well.**
 - This includes; sore throat, new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain, or severe headache (especially with fever).
- If your child/ren has a fever of 100.4 or higher, they will be placed in an Comfort Care Room which will be the conference room in the office. We have converted this room into **another** health room.
- We ask that a parent or designated person pick-up your child/ren within 30 minutes.
- If a student has tested positive for Covid-19, they may not return to school until they are free of fever **AND** respiratory symptoms for at least three days (72 hours) without the use of fever-reducing medicine, **and five days** have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If a child tests positive for Covid-19, virtual learning will be made available to him/her. The classroom teacher will set-up the best way to deliver virtual learning based on what the child is capable of participating in.



Health and Safety Procedures/Precautions cont.

- Masks are recommended, but optional for students, faculty, staff, and visitors while in the **Green Zone** on the Transmission Matrix shown below.
- Masks will be required of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors if we enter the **Yellow Zone** on the Transmission Matrix shown below.
- Students not wearing face masks and who are not vaccinated will be subject to quarantine guidelines.
- Visitors and volunteers must either wear a mask or complete a symptom screen (including temperature check) by school staff.

TRANSMISSION MATRIX

| | GREEN Low Transmission | YELLOW Moderate Transmission | RED High Transmission |
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| Number of positive cases (St. Joseph Catholic School students/staff during past 7 days) | ≤ 5% of students/staff positive with COVID | 5.1 – 9.9% of students/staff positive with COVID | ≥ 10% of students/staff positive with COVID |
| Action | Masks are recommended, but optional | Masks Required to be worn by all students, faculty, and staff regardless of vaccination status. | School Closure – Virtual Learning |

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

One of the most effective measures for halting respiratory transmission in an indoor, shared space is to identify and isolate sick persons and quarantine any household contacts and close contacts who are not fully vaccinated. In the school setting, isolation and quarantine should be the primary strategy for COVID-19 outbreak mitigation.

CLOSE CONTACT

- **SCHOOL SETTING:** The CDC, DHS, and Wauwatosa Health Department have modified their definition of a close contact in a school setting to be within 3 feet of a COVID positive individual for 15 or more minutes.
- **COMMUNITY SETTING:** The CDC, DHS, and Wauwatosa Health Department has defined a close contact in community/non-school setting to be within 6 feet of a COVID positive individual for 15 or more minutes.
- **HOME SETTING:** The CDC, DHS, and Wauwatosa Health Department has defined a close contact in a home setting as someone who lives with or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person, unless strict separation was maintained. This includes no shared bathroom, bedrooms, or spaces.



Updated CDC Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine cont.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you have been boosted OR completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months:

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

If you completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted OR are unvaccinated:

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - If you can't wear a mask, you should stay home for 10 days.
- Test on day 5 if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

Updated Policy – Close Contact

- The following policy has been updated. Fr. Adam, Ms. Cooney, and the faculty have agreed upon the changes made to the close contact policy.
- If a student is identified as having COVID the following steps will be followed:
 - The parent must contact Ms. Cooney at cooneyl@stjosephschooltosa.com
 - Ms. Cooney will notify the student's teacher of the positive case in the classroom.
 - An email will be sent to all parents of students in the classroom.
 - Parents will be made aware of the student who is COVID positive.
 - Parents should monitor their child/ren for symptoms.
 - If your child/ren is experiencing any COVID symptoms (found on COVID tab on the school website), do not send your child to school and contact Ms. Cooney.
 - If your child/ren is symptom free they are able to continue attending school.

Day to Day

Visitors

- Parents and visitors will be able to enter the building.
- Masks are recommended, but optional for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- All visitors must follow sign-in procedures.
- If students need to leave the building for an appointment, their parent must set-up this pick-up time with the office before picking up their child/ren.

Masks

- Masks are recommended, but optional for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- If there is a positive COVID case in a classroom, all students in that class will be required to wear a mask for 5 days.
- Teachers will provide outside “mask breaks” to students throughout the day.



Day to Day cont.



School Office

- Limited number of people in school office at one time.
- Masks are recommended, but optional for students, faculty, staff, **and visitors**.
- Items to be dropped off/picked up for students will be left in a designated location outside the office.

Lunch

- Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- Students will eat lunch with their cohorts.
- Students will have assigned places with proper social distancing at the tables.
- Students will move throughout the cafeteria using social distancing.
- Parent volunteers will be asked to **wear a mask** in the lunchroom.



Day to Day cont.

Field Trips

- Field trips will be allowed when social distancing and classroom cohort groups are maintained.

Birthday Treats

- When bringing a birthday treat for the class, please check with your child's teacher for any students that may have food allergies.

Recess

- Playground procedures-classroom cohort groups will be formed.
- Minimal use of shared equipment.



Physical Spaces



Drinking Fountains

- Students will not be able to use drinking fountains.
- All students need to bring a filled water bottle. Please make sure your child's name is on the water bottle.
- Water bottles will be brought home each night for proper sanitizing and to be refilled.

Lockers

- Students will go to lockers in small cohort groups, which will allow for proper social distancing.
- Visits to the lockers will be limited.

Hallways

- Students traveling in the hallways for bathroom trips etc. will follow safe distancing protocols.
- Every time a student enters a classroom, he/she will be asked to use hand sanitizer.

Restrooms

- Classroom bathroom breaks will have a scheduled time throughout day.
- Social distancing protocols will be followed in the bathrooms as well as the hallways.



Face to Face Learning/Social Distancing

Cohorting

- K3-8th grade students will stay with their cohort group throughout the day.
- There will be limited interaction with other cohort groups during the day.
- When two or more grade levels are together; in the cafeteria, on the playground, or attending weekly Mass social distancing protocols will be in place and masks may be required.

Classrooms

- All classrooms will be set-up to follow the social distancing protocols.
- Students will be switching classrooms for specials.
- All students will be required to sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the classroom.
- Classroom surfaces will be cleaned as necessary.



Instructional Model – Virtual Learning



Virtual Learning –

- We will only offer Virtual Learning in the following circumstances:
 - **Classroom:** Virtual learning may be used for a short or long term need for a classroom that may be required to stay home due to a student(s) within the classroom contacting the virus. Classroom closure will be determined by school administration based on recommendations of the local health department or if there are other variables including lack of staffing that would require such an action.
 - **School Wide:** Virtual Learning may be used for short or long term needs should school be required to close. School wide closure will be determined by one of the following:
 - Mandates by state/local health departments or government agencies.
 - School administration based on recommendations of the local health department or if there are other variables including lack of staffing that would require such action.
- If a classroom or school wide plan goes into effect more information will go home outlining what this would look like.

Sanitation

Cleaning and Disinfecting-

- See a detailed description of the Building and Grounds Safe School Reopening Plan found on the school website under the Back to School & COVID 19 tab.
- There will be numerous safety and cleaning procedures in place in every classroom.
- Every classroom teacher will be sharing their specific classroom procedures and protocols with their families prior to the start of school.

Shared Objects

- Sharing of supplies will be limited.
- Proper sanitizing procedures will be used.
- No sharing of personal items.

Hand Hygiene

- All students will be required to sanitize their hands when entering the classrooms.



School Masses

- When students are able to attend Mass:
 - **Masks are required for students, faculty, staff, and parents.**
 - Students will sit with their cohort group in assigned seats.
 - Grade levels will be grouped together to allow for social distancing and attendance protocols.
 - We will be using the entire church, including the balcony, for seating.
 - **At this time, we are limiting Mass attendance to faculty, school children, and parents/grandparents.**



After School Departure

- All students must be picked-up on the lower playground. Please do not come to the office to pick-up your child/ren at dismissal time.
- Parents must stay in the pick-up area on the lower playground, and the child/ren will meet their parent in the pick-up area.
- Please remember to follow the proper parking and exit procedures in the lower parking lot.
DO NOT DRIVE OVER THE SAFETY WALK AREAS.
- If students need to leave the building for an appointment, their parent must set-up this pick-up time with the office before picking up their child/ren.

