

St. Michael School, COVID Prevention Plan 2021-2022

Masks - Strongly recommended but not required in indoor areas in all schools.

School Exclusion

- “Normal” exclusion policy criteria (fever, persistent cough, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) should be used to determine if a student or staff should be excluded from school.
- The student or staff person may be allowed to return to school when symptoms subside in accord with your normal exclusion policy.

Symptomatic issues

A student or staff member must be excluded from attendance with the following symptoms and require a COVID-19 test before return.

- Any ONE of
 - Fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
- or any TWO of
 - New onset of dry cough
 - Chills longer than two hours
 - Congestion and/or runny nose
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Muscle pain

Managing Persons That Test Positive for COVID-19 - Isolation

- If a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, they need to stay home for 5 days from the date the sample was collected.
- If they do not have symptoms or if symptoms are resolving (including fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication), they can return to school on day 6. However, they must wear a mask through day 10 starting on the day the test sample was collected.
- If a student or staff cannot wear a mask, they must be excluded and must isolate for 10 days.

Managing Close Contact Exposures – Quarantine

A close contact exposure is defined as an unmasked COVID-positive individual being within six feet of another unmasked individual for a cumulative time of 15 minutes within the last 24 hours.

- Students and staff do not have to be excluded if they have had a close contact exposure in school but must wear a mask for 10 days while at school or participating in school activities and should, if possible, be tested on day 5 after the exposure.
- Students and staff who have on-going high-risk exposure to a positive individual who is unable to isolate (i.e. household) should remain at home until the positive individual completes 5 days of isolation. Extra vigilance on screening for symptoms when they return is advisable and a mask should be worn for ten days.
- If symptoms develop, they must be excluded and be tested.
- If a student or staff cannot wear a mask, they must be excluded for 10 days.

Classroom Transmission

If transmission is strongly suspected in a classroom (3 or more confirmed cases) within an incubation period (10 days), the following actions are recommended:

- Exclude all persons that test positive and follow isolation guidance above.
- Require masking for all students and staff that potentially had close contact for at least 10 days. We will be in contact with the LLCHD for further guidance.