

## **Assumption Catholic Schools Revised COVID Protocols Effective 3/1/2022**

In light of the ever decreasing numbers of COVID cases in the area, and of the overall low incidence of COVID in our local schools, we announce the following:

### **Ongoing Mitigation Strategies**

- Cleaning and Sanitizing – sanitizing of shared spaces will continue when groups change spaces or at least 1x per day
- Shared materials – continue efforts to reduce shared books, supplies and other materials. If items are shared, sanitize whenever possible
- Classroom and building entrances – hand sanitizer stations or supplies will be available and the use of such is recommended
- Good hygiene habits are strongly encouraged
- When possible maintain a 3-foot social distance spacing
- Classes will be split in to cohort groups when possible
- Masks are recommended but not required, other than as described below
- Masks on WRPS busses are not required, other than as described below. Still checking on Nekoosa bus guidelines.

Vaccinations and booster shots are a personal decision between the person and his/her medical and/or spiritual advisors. We recommend vaccination of all eligible persons, but respect those who choose not to be vaccinated. Our change in the close contact procedures below applies to everyone *equally* - without regard to vaccination status.

### **Quarantine and Isolation**

It remains necessary to exclude individuals who are positive for COVID or who have symptoms indicative of COVID from the school environment to ensure that COVID case numbers remain low in our schools.

**Individuals who are sick should stay home until symptoms improve and should get tested to determine if the illness is or is not COVID.**

The following guidelines will apply regardless of vaccination status and/or recent infection except as noted with \*:

#### **Persons with a positive COVID test or symptoms as described below:**

- Any student or staff who tests positive for COVID must remain at home for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms or a positive test date. If symptoms improve, return to school on day 6, but mask through day 10.
- Symptomatic individuals (not COVID positive/not a close contact but symptoms indicative of COVID such as a persistent cough, fever, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, significant congestion) should stay home until symptoms are improving. These individuals are required to wear a mask for 5 days upon return to school or provide evidence of a negative COVID test (rapid or PCR) taken on day 5 or after in order to return without wearing a mask.

## **Asymptomatic Close contacts**

- Family members who are close contacts to a positive case and are asymptomatic can continue to attend school; however, they are required to wear a mask for 10 days after the last contact with the positive case.
  - \* Family members who are vaccinated individuals and/or individuals within their 90-day immunity period can discontinue wearing a mask after 5 days if they remain asymptomatic.
  - \* Unvaccinated individuals and/or those who are not within a 90-day immunity period can get a COVID test (rapid or PCR) on day 5 or after and, if negative, can discontinue wearing a mask.
- Non-household close contacts who are asymptomatic should wear a mask for 5 to 10 days following exposure OR can exempt from wearing a mask if tested daily. If the person tests negative on day 5 they can stop wearing a mask and do not need to test unless symptoms develop.
- Close contacts who become symptomatic or test positive will then enter the COVID positive protocol.

COVID testing (both rapid and PCR) remains available at the Assumption building during regular school hours. We will continue to monitor cases system wide over the coming weeks and will make modifications as necessary based on circumstances within our schools.