



St Mark Catholic School Parent Update September 9th

IMPORTANT CHANGES PLEASE READ!

We have received further updated guidance from Indiana State Department of Health and Marion County Department of Health regarding the daily symptom screening and return to school guidance moving forward.

Please review the changes carefully.

[Link to Updated Parent COVID-19 Daily Screening Tool](#)



Signs of Illness Include:

- Fever 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline).
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Loss of taste or smell

(Note that a runny nose/congestion alone is no longer included in the symptom list nor is muscle or body aches or fatigue)

If your child has any of these symptoms - DO NOT send your child who is experiencing signs of illness to school.

Siblings MAY ATTEND SCHOOL as long as you or the school does not have significant concern for COVID-19.



If your child becomes ill at school, only the child experiencing symptoms will be sent home. (Siblings of a sick child may remain at school as long as there is not a significant concern for COVID-19)



If the child experiencing symptoms of illness takes a COVID-19 test, then the child experiencing symptoms and the siblings would remain at home from the time the COVID-19 test was taken until the test result comes back.

- If the COVID-19 test result is **negative**, then the siblings can return to school and the child experiencing symptoms may return to school once fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of symptoms.
- If the COVID-19 test result is **positive**, then the child experiencing symptoms would isolate at home for 10 days and the siblings would complete a 14 day quarantine period starting from the last date of close contact.