



2021-2022 St Mark Catholic School COVID-19 Plan

Topic	Expectations
Vaccination	St. Mark Catholic School strongly encourages all faculty, staff, and students to talk to their health care providers about getting vaccinated. We encourage each person that is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, to prayerfully consider receiving the vaccination as to help end this pandemic in our community and our world. The Catholic Church fully supports the vaccination of all eligible people.
Masks/Face Coverings	The wearing of a face mask or covering during the school day is HIGHLY recommended . The decision to wear a face mask or face covering is to be determined by the student and their parent/guardian. Students and staff are required to continue to have masks with them on a daily basis.
Close Contact	Individuals found to be within 6' of an individual for 15 minutes over the course of 24 hours who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 are considered to be within close contact and may be subject to a quarantine. Exception: In the classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks. Students will have stagnant seating in the classrooms, cafeteria, and church.
Vaccinated Individual in Close Contact	Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine when determined to be in close contact with a positive COVID-19 individual unless they have symptoms. A fully vaccinated individual is any individual who has received the proper number of doses of a vaccine and has allowed for the proper number of days for the vaccine to take effect.
Unvaccinated Individual in Close Contact	Individuals who are not fully vaccinated may be subject to quarantine a minimum 10 days from school and school related activities. Individuals deemed in close contact do not need to quarantine if an individual is within 90 days of a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.
COVID-19 Positive Cases	Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed by a medical professional as having COVID-19 is required to have the positive case reported to school administration. Both the Office of Catholic School (OCS) and the Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) require positive cases to be reported by St Mark Catholic School. According to the Marion County Public Health Department, the individual testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began (or if asymptomatic, the day the testing sample was collected) AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement in symptoms. Household members (siblings) of a positive COVID-19 individual will be contact traced and may be subject to quarantine.
Physical Distancing	In the cafeteria and in the church social distancing will be less than 3' and contact tracing will exist in the event of a positive case regardless of mask wearing.
Remote Learning	Remote Learning will be provided for students who have COVID related absences due to quarantine or prolonged illnesses or major medical conditions. The Remote Learning procedures will be decided by the school administration.
At Home Health Screening	Parents are still asked to screen their children at home and keep children at home that have a fever of 100.4 F or show symptoms of COVID-19.
Visitors	Parents and visitors can come into the school office to bring items or sign in and out students. Parents and visitors are asked to go only to the school office area and not other parts of the school.
Water Bottles	Students are encouraged to carry water bottles with sealed lids with them throughout the school day. Water filling stations are available.
Communication	St Mark will continue to update our community through phone calls, newsletters, emails, and social media posts about the latest updates on COVID-19.