

Saint Albert the Great School Covid-19 Protocols

The Ohio Department of Health recently released new guidelines regarding student quarantine (exclusion) resulting from in-school COVID-19 exposure. The new recommendation offers an in-school alternative to quarantining/excluding students at home in an effort to support in-school learning and reduce the strain on parents, schools and the local health departments.

Mask to Stay (School Exposure)

Direct close contacts who have been exposed in a school setting or school-related activities may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).
- Students and staff may discontinue these procedures after seven days -- if they don't develop symptoms and test negative between days 5-7.

Exclusion Protocols for Close Contacts (Outside of School Exposure)

Direct close contacts who have exposures outside of the school setting or school-related activities must follow current quarantine/exclusion protocols.

Contacts follow current quarantine/exclusion protocols:

- **7-Day Quarantine/Exclusion**
 - Quarantine/exclusion can end 7 days after the last date of exposure if symptoms do not develop AND a negative result is received from a viral test done at least 5 days after the last date of exposure.

Exclusion Protocols for Close Contacts (Household Exposure)

Direct close contacts who have household exposures must follow current quarantine/exclusion protocols.

Contacts follow current quarantine/exclusion protocols:

- **10-Day Quarantine/Exclusion**
 - Quarantine/exclusion can end 10 days after the last date of exposure if symptoms do not develop.
 - **The students fully immunized may remain in school. They must mask continually and also test after 5 days.**

Extracurricular Protocols

Asymptomatic close contacts identified with in-school exposure can continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following:

- Wear a mask when able. (This includes: transportation; locker rooms; sitting/standing on the sidelines; and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.)
- Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19.
- Parent monitor for symptoms
- Test again on days 5-7. If they are negative at this time, they will no longer have to follow the prescribed procedures.

SATG Masking Policy

- Masking remains **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** as the new guidelines are assuming 6 feet distancing or 3 feet with masks worn.
- Due to class size and room size most all rooms have 3 feet between desks, etc.
- Masks will remain mandatory during small group work, Mass, lunch (before and after eating) and all other close contact situations.