

St. John Families:

As of March 3, 2022, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is no longer using the Covid-19 Current Incidence Rate map but has changed to a new map called the Kentucky Covid-19 Community Levels by County. This map uses new metrics and a new color system. The Diocesan decision to remove the mask mandate and allow schools to go mask optional was based on the prior Covid-19 Current Incidence Rate map and that remains in effect (that Scott County was no longer in the “red”). Sorry that this sounds confusing, but it seems confusing is the standard with Covid-19. Please refer to yesterday’s communication for comments about our preparations for mask optional.

Below are the revisions to the **HEALTHY AT SCHOOL POLICY**. These revisions are in alignment with our local health department guidelines. Based on tomorrow’s decision, these revisions would be effective March 7, 2022.

Peace,  
Mr. Mayer

### **HYGIENE AND HEALTH**

St. John School (SJS) continues to prioritize the health of the students and staff and is committed to maintaining an environment where in-person learning is possible. We emphasize regular handwashing and sanitizing and keeping sick students at home. Please continue to do your part to make sure that sick students remain at home and that students practice good hygiene at home as well.

### **MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS**

Masks or facial coverings are not required for any student, staff, or guest on school grounds. Individuals may choose to wear masks for any part of the school day. Those masks must comply with the original Covid-19 guidelines and be school appropriate themed. Masks may be required of an individual for re-entry from Covid-19 illness as defined below in the Return to School section.

### **SYMPTOMS/ILLNESSES**

Any student/staff/guest exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT come to school. For reference, the following policy from the Parent-Student Handbook remains in place even if tested Covid negative and you should not send your child to school if they have had any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours:

Fever, nausea or vomiting, earache, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, a cold (when symptoms are not due to allergy), sore throat, unidentified rash, conjunctivitis (pink eye), any infectious disease your doctor has diagnosed, head lice.

If your child is sent to school with any of the above symptoms, you will be contacted to pick up your child. The student must be out of school for 24 hours or may return sooner with a release from a doctor.

### **REGARDING STUDENT THAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

Regardless of vaccination status, if a student tests positive for Covid-19:

#### **And is ASYMPTOMATIC (no symptoms)**

1. Isolate for 5 full days. Test date is Day 0.
2. If symptoms develop within the 5 days, refer to the Symptomatic steps below.
3. If still without symptoms, the student may return to school on Day 6.
4. After Day 5, student must provide proof of a Negative Covid test or the student will be required to wear a mask at all times at school through the end of Day 10.

#### **And is SYMPTOMATIC**

1. Isolate for 5 full days from when the symptoms started. The first day of symptoms is Day 0.
2. After Day 5, if symptoms have resolved and the student is fever free for 24 hours (without the use of any fever-reducing medicine) student may return to school and school activities. Symptoms must not be increasing in severity, but instead be improving (no sneezing, coughing, etc.).
3. If symptoms have not resolved and fever is still present after Day 5, then student may return to school and school activities when student is fever free for 24 hours (without the use of any fever-reducing medicine). Symptoms must not be increasing in severity, but instead be improving (no sneezing, coughing, etc.).
4. After Day 10, students may return to school and school activities even with lingering symptoms provided that the student is fever free for 24 hours (without the use of any fever-reducing medicine).
5. After Day 5, student must provide proof of a Negative Covid test or the student will be required to wear a mask at all times at school through the end of Day 10.

### **COVID-19 EXPOSURE AND QUARANTINE**

St. John School will no longer be contact tracing and will not require quarantines for those exposed to Covid-19. There may be exceptions to this guideline in instances where symptomology or case counts require additional measures be used to slow or stop the spread of illness at school. In those exceptions, the vaccination status of the students and consultation with Wedco would be used to determine what additional actions are necessary. Preschool still falls under the Division of Childcare Guidance and will be addressed according to those requirements.

Families may choose to use the Test to Stay program if their student is exposed to someone with Covid-19 and do not show symptoms.