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COVID Policy effective 11/23/21

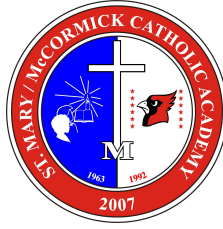
SMMCA is very appreciative of the flexibility shown by students and their families during this year, it is not easy to shift expectations to changing conditions. The goal of SMMCA is to educate students **in person**, and foster academic excellence and spiritual growth in the Catholic faith. We thank the community for having flexibility as local conditions change, and for persevering as we return to a typical school experience. Changes in the county health mandates have provided SMMCA the opportunity to craft options relating to the exposure of students to COVID.

As has been the case all along, any mandates from the Local, State, or Federal governments will be followed by SMMCA. It is important to make sure that all SMMCA families and community members are informed, and aware of changing policies regarding COVID. Taking into consideration input from the Saint Clair Health Dept., Archdiocese of Detroit, and the posture of the St. Mary's Parish community to return to a typical learning experience, the following policy has been adopted by SMMCA:

Symptoms of COVID from SCCHD¹	
Student has any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse than baseline for any chronic illness):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher → Sore throat → New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing → Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain → New onset of severe headache 	

Government Mandates / Orders			
Students who have tested positive for COVID, or are identified as close contacts and symptomatic must isolate for 10 calendar days and until they are symptom free	SMMCA will inform the Health Department and publish confirmed cases on our website.	Per CDC public health orders: all persons, regardless of vaccination status, will continue to wear face masks in SMMCA vehicles, including the school bus.	

¹St. Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 9). *Possible COVID-19 Case in Students*. Saint Clair County Health Department <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/Schools.aspx>



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	VACCINATED or PREVIOUSLY DIAGNOSED (last 90 days)	UNVACCINATED
No Exposure or Symptoms (students/staff)	Attend school , masks encouraged.	Attend school , masks encouraged
Exposure 0-6 feet (Close Contact)	Attend school , encourage testing* on day 3,4,5 monitor for symptoms for 14 days, mask required until day 14.	<p>“Test to Stay” Attend School, mandatory test* on days** 3,4,5, monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Mask required until day 14</p> <p>-or-</p> <p>Quarantine for 7 days and return with a negative test (day 5) or quarantine for 10 days without a test. Mask required until day 14.</p>
Symptoms (students/staff)	Stay home , isolate and consult a physician.	Stay home , isolate and consult a physician
<p>Note: *Rapid testing may be conducted at home by guardian, or at school by staff (if provided consent). ** Testing days are from initial exposure.</p>		

² Saint Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 30). *Establishing procedures for the quarantine of persons identified as Covid-19 close contacts*. Saint Clair County Health Department. <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/Schools.aspx>

Special Circumstances:

Classroom Quarantine³

If a classroom has 3 individuals who have tested positive within a 14 day period, all individuals in the classroom will be treated as close contacts.

Masking - Whole School⁴

If the school experiences 5%* positive cases of COVID within 14 days, then a mandatory masking policy will be enacted immediately following the confirmation of the 8th positive test. The temporary masking mandate will be effective for 14 calendar days, and will apply to staff, students, and volunteers.

*School population 173 as of 11/1/21

Please be vigilant and check your children for symptoms of illness regularly. Please keep children home who are sick, and test for COVID as soon as symptoms arise. We pray that this will not affect families any more than it already has. If you have questions, please contact SMMCA.

Resources

[Covid Rapid Testing Consent](#)

[Quarantine vs Isolation Flyer](#)

[Required vs Recommended](#)

[Student Flowsheet](#)

[Monoclonal Antibodies Fact Sheet](#)

*Language adapted from SCCHD, PHASD, and AOD.

³Saint Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 21). *St. Clair County Return to Learn Interim Guidance Brief for 2021-2022 School Year*. Saint Clair County Health Department. <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/forms/ReturnToLearnGuidance.pdf>

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