



## What happens if a student has COVID-19 symptoms or is near a person or a family member with COVID-19?

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all our students, families, and staff. Below is a brief outline of a plan if a student has COVID-19 symptoms or is near a person or a family member with COVID-19.

This information has been taken from or modified according to the *Guidance for Minnesota Public Schools: Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021* (July 30, 2020) and the Minnesota Department of Health's *2020-2021 Planning for Schools: Health Considerations for Navigating COVID-19* (July 30, 2020).

**Parent's Responsibility:** Self-monitor for COVID -19 symptoms each morning **BEFORE** leaving for school. This includes taking your child's temperature. This self-monitoring will help to quickly monitor signs of illness and reduce exposure.

\*\*Please note that previously, our school's policy was that any child with a fever should stay home until they are fever free without medication for 24 hours. However, we are closely following the recommendations of the MN Department of Health, which asks an individual to be fever free for at least 72 hours.

Additionally, students should stay home if:

- They have tested positive, are waiting for test results, or are showing COVID -19 symptoms. They should meet the criteria for returning to school. See the MDH Decision Tree below.
- They have recently had close contact with a person or family member with COVID-19. They should meet the criteria for returning to school. See the MDH Decision Tree below.
- Follow the MDH Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms in Youth, Student, and Child Care Programs to determine who must stay home and when they can return.

St. John's will take the temperatures of students and staff before they enter the school building. Any student or staff member running a temperature over 100.4°F will be sent home immediately. Students will wait in a designated area until they are picked up by their parents. Additionally, we will encourage our students to self-monitor as appropriate and ask teachers to assist students in monitoring symptoms as appropriate.

All visitors will be asked to review the COVID-19 symptoms and confirm that they are symptom free before entering.

St. John's will notify staff, families, or any members of the public as needed if a person with COVID-19 was in our school while infectious in accordance with FERPA, state and federal laws, and confidentiality rules. We will also let staff and families know how we will proceed with distance learning for those who need to remain at home.

St. John's will need to clear students to return. Please also consult the MDH Decision Tree to know when to return. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>