

St. John the Baptist Catholic School  
2021-2022 COVID Mitigation

Following guidance from the Archdiocese, St. John the Baptist Catholic School decided to start the 2021-2022 school year with the following protocols:

- Recommend the wearing of masks for all students regardless of vaccination status.
- Allow for social distancing in classrooms and throughout the school as appropriate for learning activity.
- Allow for social distancing in the lunchroom as we are able.
- Teach proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
- Allow for frequent opportunities for students to wash their hands or use hand sanitizers.
- Follow Archdiocesan guidelines for Mass but keep one pew distance between one class and another.
- Ask parents to continue daily health checks and keep their child home if sick. Call the school office, discuss symptoms, and guidance on next steps. It is recommended that students with symptoms get tested and contact the school office.
- Daily cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting as recommended.
- If a student tests positive for COVID, call the school office for guidance regarding the timeline for returning to school. If a person in a student's household tests positive for COVID, all unvaccinated students need to remain home for 14 days. Again, call the school office for guidance regarding this timeline.
- Report all cases to MDH and the Archdiocese.

Our COVID 19 protocols include a multi-leveled mitigation plan when cases arise in our classrooms and school. We will do what is necessary to be safe but will also respect individual freedoms when appropriate. We consult with a variety of healthcare professionals including the Mounds View district nurse to help us determine when these mitigation strategies should increase. These additional mitigation strategies include:

- Increased social distancing in the classroom.
- Increased social distancing during lunch which may include eating at a different lunch time or in the classroom.
- Increased social distancing during recess which may include a separate recess for a class or grade.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day.
- Required mask wearing for a specific time.
- Moving to distance learning for a specific time.

The decision to increase our mitigation strategies will be made after examining each case. Once a decision is made, we will communicate any changes to our mitigation strategy with the classes, grades, or school as necessary. In this communication we will include the approximate time for this strategy. If there is a reason for us to increase to the next mitigation strategy or extend the time we use the strategy, we will communicate that as soon as possible.