**St. Peter Academy COVID GUIDELINES.**

**Effective 3/7/22**

**Please note, policies and procedures are always changing. You will be updated as things change. This applies to ALL SPA STAFF and STUDENTS.**

**Masking**

**As of 3/7/22 the NJ mask mandate has been lifted. Masking in schools is optional for all students.**

**Students and staff may choose to continue to mask or unmask as they see fit. IF you want your child masked while at school, we will do the best of our ability to adhere to that. However, you need to have a discussion with your child regarding your expectations. The staff will not be responsible for policing masks.**

**Students returning after 5 days of quarantine are to wear a mask for days 6 – 10 indoors and outdoors as per the Archdiocese.  Cloth masks will not be allowed. Surgical mask and paper mask will be accepted; however they must fit the child properly. We will supply surgical mask for any student that needs it from day 6-10.**

**If your child finds it difficult to wear the mask properly and consistently from day 6 through day 10 they will be asked to stay home for the complete 10 days. If you child is not consistently and correctly wearing the mask you will be asked to pick up your child and stay home through day 10.**

**Now that masking is optional, we must protect all students and staff if there is a positive covid case.**

**Bullying**

**Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated. We understand that children will be masked and unmasked as well as teachers. This gives no one the right to make fun, harass or make them feel bad about their decision. We are all aware that with this change will come many different emotions. Some of our children may want to express feelings of celebration, some children will feel cautious, some children will be relieved, yet others will feel disappointed. Some may even be scared. We all need to respect the choices of their peers. Reinforcement with words, actions that we respect an individual’s choice to continue wearing a mask or to remove their mask.**

**Testing Update**

**We will be accepting rapid *Covid tests from a doctor’s office. At-home rapid tests will NOT be accepted.***

**Definitions**

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| **Fully Vaccinated Staff** | **Adults who have completed series of Covid 19 vaccine and booster.** |
| **Fully Vaccinated Children** | **Ages 5-11 Completed Primary 2 dose series and it has been 14 days since last dose. 12–17 year-old children must have completed two dose series plus the booster when eligible (booster is to be given 5months after 2nd dose.)** |
| **Day 0** | **Day of symptom start or test date.** |
| **Day 1** | **The day after symptoms start or test date** |

**COVID**

**Regardless of vaccination status, if a student or staff experiences COVID-compatible symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2.**

**Individuals regardless of vaccination status, who test positive or individuals with COVID19 symptoms Stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test (day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0). If they have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and are fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours, they can leave their home and should; 1. Wear a mask when around others at home and in public (indoors and outdoors) for an additional 5 days and wear a mask to school on day 6-10 .**

* **During periods of elevated community transmission, universal masking for all is required. This would mean when the CALI score is high – Orange as well as very high – Red.**

**STUDENT OR STAFF IS COVID POSITIVE WITH SYMPTOMS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS**

* **5 full days of quarantine out of school (day 0 is the first day of symptoms).**
* **If symptoms resolve (fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, and other symptoms improve), student/staff may return to school on day 6.** **From day 6-10 masking is required.**
* **If symptoms persist (fever or if other symptoms have not improved), student/staff must remain out of school on quarantine until fever-free for at least 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.**

**STUDENT or STAFF IS COVID POSITIVE AND IS ASYMPTOMATIC REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS**

* **5 full days of quarantine out of school (day 0 is the day of the positive viral test).**
* **If no symptoms develop, student/staff may return on day 6. From day 6-10 masking is required.**
* **If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day quarantine period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.**

**STUDENT OR STAFF IS A CLOSE CONTACT & IS NOT VACCINATED**

* **5 full days of quarantine out of school (day 0 is the first day of symptoms).**
* **Student/staff are allowed to return to school on day 6 as long as no symptoms develop. From day 6-10 masking is required.**
* **If symptoms develop during the quarantine, please notify the school immediately.**
* **Student/staff is to be tested at least 5 days after having close contact with someone with COVID 19 unless the student has had COVID 19 in the last 90 days.**

**STUDENT OR STAFF IS A CLOSE CONTACT & IS VACCINATED**

* **No quarantine for student/staff who are fully vaccinated. See above definition section regarding full vaccination**

**STUDENT OR STAFF IS A CLOSE CONTACT & WAS COVID POSITIVE WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS**

* **No quarantine for student/staff who had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days.**

**Students returning after 5 days will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular sports practices and/or games and certain PE activities on days 6 - 10, that requires mask removal.**

**Close Contact- is defined as being within 6 feet of someone suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period.**

**Travel**

**While there is no statewide travel advisory or mandate in place at this time, or travel policy is consistent with CDC COVID-19 travel recommendations.**

**If you are NOT Up to Date with your COVID-19 Vaccines:**

**Self-quarantine and get tested after travel:**

**Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after returning from travel.**

**Stay home and self-quarantine for a full 5 days after travel.**

**People who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine or a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization, can travel safely within the United States. You do NOT need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months. You should still follow all other travel recommendations.**

**Unvaccinated siblings of a student who has symptoms and meets COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the sibling will need to quarantine.**

**Visitors**

**As per the Archdiocese of Newark school visitors and vendors are required to wear a mask in the school regardless of vaccination status.**