



St. Michael Catholic School Communicable Disease Plan

St. Michael Catholic School believes that it is important that children attend school regularly so they can reach their full potential. SMCS also believes it is everyone's responsibility to help stop the spread of contagious conditions and communicable disease. Maintaining a healthy school environment is a priority at SMCS and we ask that parents refrain from bringing children to school if they are sick or displaying symptoms of illness or communicable diseases such as the Coronavirus.

SMCS has made reasonable efforts to reduce the spread of contagious conditions and communicable disease, taking into consideration the recommendations and guidance from medical and academic authorities. However, parents/guardians understand and accept that there is a risk of exposure to contagious and communicable disease when their child(ren) attend school or participate in activities or events, including the Coronavirus. By attending school or participating in activities and events, parents/guardians assume these risks.

For more information on these risks, parents/guardians may review information from the Minnesota Department of Health Infectious Diseases, which provides information for schools and families about specific infectious disease problems that may be present in the childcare setting or in schools. (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/>)

FACE COVERINGS

- At this time, indoor masking is not required for people in the school setting including teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Individuals choosing to wear or not wear a mask for any reason will be respected and supported.

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES (PK-8)

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for a full 5 days.
- End isolation after 5 days if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.
- Masking is recommended at school days 6 through 10.
- Families and staff will be notified if there is a positive case in their grade level so they can determine if they wish to quarantine.
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases will be reported to the MDH.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

When reporting an absence call 952-447-2230 and let the school know:

- All the symptoms your child is experiencing.
- If your child has tested positive or is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.
- If anyone in the household has tested positive.