

Quick Start Guide - Protocols for Covid Incidents in Saint John's School
8-24-21

SITUATION: A teacher or student has symptoms in School that might be Covid.

RESPONSE: Unless there is reason to be confident these symptoms are attributable to some other known cause, the teacher or student should be isolated and go home immediately. He/she should be tested that day to see if they have Covid. If the teacher or student tests positive, he/she should isolate at home for 10 days or as directed by the state health department.

SITUATION: A teacher or student has symptoms at home that might be Covid.

RESPONSES:

A student or a teacher who is unvaccinated should stay home, unless there is reason to be confident these symptoms are attributable to some other known cause. The teacher or student may return to School following a negative PCR test and he/she is symptom free. (The School also wants to lessen the spread of other illnesses by having symptomatic teachers and students stay home.)

A teacher who is fully vaccinated and who has mild symptoms may take a rapid Antigen test. If the test is negative, the teacher may return to School, but should wear a mask at all times, until a negative result is also obtained from a PCR test and he/she is symptom free. If the teacher has a fever or other severe symptoms that suggest Covid or flu or any other infectious illness, the teacher should stay home, get tested for Covid, and return when there is a negative test and other symptoms have subsided.

SITUATION: A teacher or a student has been in School and is determined to have likely had Covid while in School.

RESPONSES:

The teacher or student who tests positive must isolate at home for 10 days following a positive Covid test.

Everyone in the same class should be assumed to have had "close contact." Others who might have had close contact should be determined. (Close contact is defined as being in the same proximity for 15 minutes indoors, less than 6 feet apart, without masks).

Fully vaccinated teachers or students who have no symptoms can stay in School, but must wear masks at all times, indoors and even outdoors if they are near to other students. They should be tested 3-5 days after exposure. If positive, they should isolate for 10 days. If negative, they can return to School without a mask as long as they have no symptoms.

Unvaccinated teachers or students who have been wearing a mask consistently and correctly may stay in School and follow the above response.

Unvaccinated teachers or students who have not been wearing a mask cannot stay in School. After 3-5 days at home, each person should be tested (PCR test, not rapid Antigen) and may return to class, if the test is negative and if he/she has no symptoms. If the test is positive, he/she must stay home for an additional 10 days or as directed by the state health department. Any teacher or student who is not tested will have to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure before returning to School.

SITUATION: A teacher or a student is determined to have had a "close contact" Covid exposure outside of School.

RESPONSES:

Fully vaccinated teachers or students who have no symptoms can stay in School, but must wear masks at all times, indoors and even outdoors if they are near to other students. They should be tested 3-5 days after exposure. If positive, they should isolate for 10 days. If negative, they can return to School without a mask as long as they have no symptoms.

Unvaccinated teachers or students cannot stay in School. After 3-5 days at home, he/she should be tested (PCR test, not rapid Antigen) and may return to class, if the test is negative and if he/she has no symptoms. If the test is positive, he/she must stay home for an additional 10 days or as directed by the state health department. Any teacher or student who is not tested will have to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure before returning to School.

Quick Start Guide –Testing Guidelines for Saint John’s School
9-8-21

TEST ANY STAFF OR TEACHER WHO IS EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- RE Symptomatic persons should be tested regardless of vaccination status.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 may include any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, decreased appetite, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle/joint aches, nausea, rash, rigors, runny nose, sore throat, or sputum production.

TEST ANY STAFF OR TEACHER WHO HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH COVID-19

- CDC recommends that unvaccinated asymptomatic close contacts should be tested immediately after becoming aware of an exposure. Testing again on Day 5–7 of quarantine is encouraged. [Unvaccinated teachers or students cannot stay in School. After 3-5 days at home, he/she should be tested (PCR test, not rapid Antigen) and may return to class, if the test is negative and if he/she has no symptoms.]
- CDC recommends that asymptomatic vaccinated persons who are identified as close contacts to someone with COVID-19 should be tested 3–5 days after exposure. [Fully vaccinated teachers or students who have no symptoms can stay in School, but must wear masks at all times, indoors and even outdoors if they are near to other students.]

ROUTINELY TEST EACH WEEK OF SCHOOL ANY UNVACCINATED STAFF OR TEACHER.

- [Unvaccinated teachers or staff must wear a mask indoors at all times (unless in a room alone preparing for School), and must test weekly. This is a condition of employment at our School.]
- It is recommended that fully vaccinated people with no COVID-19-like symptoms and no known exposure should be exempted from routine screening testing programs, if feasible. Testing may be indicated, regardless of vaccination status, following an exposure or due to local/employer/business requirement.