



Saint Anthony's High School

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Saint Anthony's High School Testing and Contact Tracing Protocols

Contact tracing is a public health function performed by local public health departments to trace all persons who had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. This allows public health officials to put in place isolation or other measures to limit the spread of the virus. Saint Anthony's will cooperate with state and local health department contact tracing. Saint Anthony's will assist public health departments in knowing who may have had contact at school with a confirmed case by:

- keeping accurate attendance records of students and staff members;
- ensuring student schedules are up to date;
- keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time and where in the school they visited; and
- Assist local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual at school in accordance with the protocol, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program.

Questions should be directed to the local health department.

Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations. ***According to the NYS Guidance for Re-Opening, Saint Anthony's will not determine who is to be excluded from school (based on contact) without guidance and direction from the local department of health.***

All teachers will create seating charts for all their classes (including homeroom) that will be housed on Infinite Campus and accessible to the Administration, Nursing Staff, and Coordinator of COVID-19 Response.

Categories

- Category 1 = Failed Temperature Check /COVID Symptoms /Failed COVID Questionnaire
- Category 2 = Positive COVID Test

Saint Anthony's will follow CDC guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If a person is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) with COVID-19 they can return to school:

- Once there is no fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours;
- If they have been diagnosed with another condition and have a healthcare provider written note stating they are clear to return to school.

If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test, or their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:

- It has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms;
- It has been at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); and
- It has been at least three days since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

The CDC provides specific guidance for individuals who are on home isolation regarding when the isolation may end. Saint Anthony's will consult the guidance "Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings".

CDC recommendations for discontinuing isolation in persons known to be infected with COVID-19 could, in some circumstances, appear to conflict with recommendations on when to discontinue quarantine for persons known to have been exposed to COVID-19. CDC recommends 14 days of quarantine after exposure based on the time it may take to develop illness if infected. Thus, it is possible that a person known to be infected could leave isolation earlier than a person who is quarantined because of the possibility they are infected.

If Students or Staff become Ill with Symptoms of COVID-19 at School

Saint Anthony's will mandate all school staff to immediately report any illness of students or staff to the school nurse or other designated school staff. Such reports will be made in compliance with FERPA, and Education Law 2-d. If there are several students waiting to see the school nurse, arrangements will be made to have students wait at least 6 feet apart. Saint Anthony's will maintain two rooms for school health personnel - one room for healthy students who have injuries or need their medications or nursing treatments, and another room for assessing and caring for ill students and staff. Both rooms will have a supervising adult present and will have access to a bathroom and sink with hand hygiene supplies. School nurses and other school health professionals assessing or providing care to ill students and staff will follow precautions which includes the use of appropriate PPE.

Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by their parent/guardian will be isolated in an isolation room, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may be in this isolation room if they can be separated by at least 6 feet.

Following the guidelines CDC and NYSDOH, Saint Anthony's will:

- Close off areas used by a sick person and not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfection has occurred;
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, lockers, and common areas.
- Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected it can be reopened for use.

If a separate room is not available, keep at least a 6-foot distance between ill students and other persons. If they cannot be isolated in a separate room from others, it is recommended that a facemask (e.g., cloth or surgical mask) be provided to the ill student if he/she can tolerate wearing it and does not have difficulty breathing, to prevent the possible transmission of the virus to others while waiting for transportation home. It is recommended that:

- Students should be escorted from isolation area to the parent/guardian;
- The parent or guardian be instructed to call their health care provider, or if they do not have a health care provider, to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center;
- Symptomatic students or staff members follow CDC's Stay Home When You Are Sick guidance unless otherwise directed by a healthcare provider or the local department of health. If the student or staff member has emergency warning signs such as trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to arouse, bluish lips or face, call 911 and notify the operator that the person may have COVID-19;

Saint Anthony's staff will be made aware of the symptoms of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19 which is a serious condition associated with COVID-19 in children and youth. Saint Anthony's will notify the parent/guardian if their child shows any of the following symptoms and recommend the child be referred for immediate follow up with a healthcare provider:

- o fever
- o abdominal pain
- o vomiting
- o diarrhea
- o neck pain
- o rash
- o bloodshot eyes
- o feeling extra tired

Saint Anthony's will call for emergency transport (911) following local health department policies, for any student showing any of these emergency warning signs or other concerning signs:

- o trouble breathing
- o pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
- o new confusion
- o inability to wake or stay awake
- o bluish lips or face
- o severe abdominal pain

If a student or staff member reports having tested positive for COVID-19, school administrators will notify the local health department to determine what steps are needed for the school community.

All faculty and staff have been instructed to maintain 6 feet of social distance from students, as well as all other faculty and staff. In any cases where faculty or staff need to be within 6 feet, they are instructed to keep their mask on and not be within the 6 foot limit for more than 5 minutes (1/3 the duration of the CDC guidelines).

Saint Anthony's will collaborate with their local health department to determine the parameters, conditions or metrics (e.g., increased absenteeism or increased illness in school community) that will serve as early warning signs that positive COVID-19 cases may be increasing beyond an acceptable level.

St. Anthony's will follow the guidance of the local health department to determine the appropriate thresholds for potentially transitioning the full St. Anthony's community to a temporary Campus III structure.

COVID-19 Response Team

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