

## COVID-19 Response Steps

Listed below are some general guidelines for the steps you need to take if your child is ill or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19. We are blessed to have several contact tracers on staff, and they will work with your family on a case-by-case basis.

St. Monica Catholic School updated protocols in response to the receiving local control for COVID Protocol decisions dated November 12, 2021.

### If your child is experiencing symptoms of any illness:

1. Keep them home from school
  2. If you suspect COVID or your child has COVID-like symptoms notify [COVID@stmonicaschool.org](mailto:COVID@stmonicaschool.org)
  3. Notify [absences@stmonicaschool.org](mailto:absences@stmonicaschool.org) to let the school know that your child will be absent for the day.
  4. You will be advised if the symptoms warrant getting a COVID test. The type of test and when to get the test will depend on the symptoms.
  5. All students no matter the illness must be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free from the day they are sent home or the day they begin experiencing symptoms plus an extra day after for recovery. They must be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free without the aid of medication before returning to school.
- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, **Everyone** regardless of vaccination status:
    1. Keep them home from school
    2. Notify [COVID@stmonicaschool.org](mailto:COVID@stmonicaschool.org). They will contact you and give you specific steps to follow based on your information.
    3. Isolate for 5 days
    4. After 5 days, an individual with no symptoms or symptoms that are resolving and has been fever-free for 24 hours, may leave their house but should continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days.

### Mask Requirements

- Masks are optional for all students and staff
- Changes in mask requirements are now the decision of St. Monica Catholic School
- St. Monica Catholic School reserves the right to bring masks back:
  - If there has been an outbreak on campus determined by contact tracing.
  - For a specific grade level or classroom, there has been an outbreak of multiple cases simultaneously in the classroom and contact tracing determines all students in that grade level or classroom are deemed close contacts

- If the numbers for Dallas County, State of Texas deem a significant outbreak and move to require masks in public areas.

**If masks are required, the mask specifications:**

- The most effective mask is a KN95/N95 mask
- Cloth or non-surgical, disposable - not as effective
- Must be cleaned daily
- Must be well-fitted to cover nose and mouth.
- Students must have an extra mask in their backpacks

Disposable masks are available at the clinic.

Our goal is to keep students in school. These steps will be updated as needed.