

St. Paul School Covid-19 Protocols & Guidelines

September 8, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians:

In our ever-changing world having to deal with covid-19, and to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff, we would like to share some important covid-19 information.

There is a **one-time parent/guardian confirmation at the bottom of this form that you will need to sign-off on**. This form explains more in depth the latest information we have received from RIDOH in regards to what needs to be done moving forward. It outlines the expectations related to close contacts, illness, and especially about **Travel** for the school year. If there are any changes that may occur, parents and guardians will be notified.

Close Contacts of a Positive Case

- Students who are unvaccinated and have been considered a close contact to a positive case will need to quarantine. They should test on day 5-7 and if they are negative and symptom free through day 7 they may return to school on the 8th day.
- Students who do not test shall remain home for 10 days from the start of symptoms and may return to school on the 11th day as long as they are symptom free and have been fever-free (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours prior to returning.
- Students who are vaccinated may return to school. RIDOH recommends that they be tested on day 3-5.

** Please note that any student or faculty member who tests positive for covid-19 will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Illness, Symptoms & Testing

- All students, regardless of vaccination status who have any one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose **need to remain home and should be tested**.
- Students may return to school after receiving a negative PCR test, they are symptom free, and have been fever-free (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours prior to returning.
- Students who do not test shall remain home for 10 full days from the start of symptoms and may return to school on the 11th day as long as they are symptom free, and have been fever (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours prior to returning.

- You will need to call the PreK-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at 1-844-857-1814 or create an account on portal.ri.gov to have your child tested.
- Please notify the school nurse or office that your child will be or has been tested.
- Additional information about PK-12 testing can be found at the link below:
<https://health.ri.go./covid/testing/k-12/#sites>

Travel

Domestic Travel

- Those who are **vaccinated** or have tested positive and recovered from covid-19 within 90 days may travel within the United States without restrictions.
- Those students who are unvaccinated will need to test on day 3-5 after travel and quarantine for 7 full days. The student may return to school on day 8 if his or her test result is negative.
- Students who do not get tested will need to quarantine for 10 full days and may return to school on the 11th day.

International Travel

- Fully vaccinated students who travel internationally should get a PCR test on day 3 to 5 after traveling and may return with a negative test result.
- Unvaccinated students will need to have a PCR test on day 3-5 and remain quarantined for a full 7 days after travel. If the test is negative the student may return to school on day 8.
- Students who do not test will remain quarantined for a full 10 days and may return on the 11th day.
- If your child tests positive, please notify the school and contact your primary care doctor as well as the RIDOH for guidance.

Please note that if a student or member of their household is being tested for covid-19 or is feeling ill, **all students within that household should remain home until a PCR test has resulted as negative or a healthcare provider has deemed their illness to be other than covid-19.

Thank you once again for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through these unprecedented times.

Parent Signature

Date

Thank you!
Mr. Corry