



# Our Lady of Port Richmond Catholic School

## Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022

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January 25, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As everyone's health and safety continues to be our number one priority in 2021-2022, our internal task force continues the hard work of tracking, monitoring, and seeking guidance from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and our local health departments and incorporating all this information into a plan designed to align our policies and procedures with mandates and recommendations.

Please note we will continue to follow the 10-day quarantine instead of the 5-day quarantine due to the following reasons: We are not currently enrolled in weekly screenings for students at least 10% of the school's unvaccinated population to get tested in school. We are currently not enrolled in a program to provide testing to students and faculty who have been directly exposed on day 1,3 and 5 of exposure. We also do not have a separate room for each student who returns after the 5-day quarantine to eat breakfast, recess and lunch. Due to these reasons, our school will continue to follow the 10-day quarantine protocol. Listed below are our new guidelines which will be **effective January 25, 2022**. This is an addendum to our overall Health and Safety Plan published at the beginning of the school year, and this revised "GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH COVID CASES" section below supersedes the previous "GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH COVID CASES" section. All other guidelines in the original plan remain in effect and can be found on our website. Please read the guidelines below, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. King at [aking@olpr.org](mailto:aking@olpr.org)

### **GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH COVID CASES**

#### **If a staff member or volunteer has a confirmed case of COVID-19**

1. Notify the local health officials – ask for guidance.
2. If a faculty or Staff member test positive, all students will be sent home, while we await guidance from the Department of Public Health.
3. Most cases, due to the faculty or staff member being in direct contact with all students throughout the day, students will be switched a virtual module.
4. If there is a confirmed positive case among a faculty or staff member all students will remain virtual for the full 10-day quarantine period.

#### **If a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19**

1. Notify the local health officials- ask for guidance
2. Direct exposure students will be sent home, while the remainder of the class remains in-person learning.
3. Direct exposure is considered any student within 3-6 feet of a confirmed positive case, without a mask for more than 15 minutes.
4. Parents/Guardians will be notified of direct exposure as soon as the school officials are made aware.
5. Student who has tested positive will remain out of school for the full 10-day quarantine
6. Those who have been directly exposed and are unvaccinated will have to self-quarantine for 7 days and return to school with a negative test result on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
7. In order to return to school in 7-days with a negative test result, students must present proper documentation of a negative test result in order to return to school. **A picture of an at home test will not be accepted.**

8. Those who wish to not have their child/ren tested will have to self-quarantine for 10 days and return to school on the 11<sup>th</sup> day.
9. **FULLY VACCINATED MEANS: Two weeks after completion of two-dose mRNA series or one dose of Janssen vaccine.**
10. **GOOGLE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT WITH PROOF OF VACCINATION. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PROVIDED PROPER DOCUMENTATION WILL BE LISTED AS UNVACCINATED AND MUST FOLLOW PROTOCOLS LISTED ABOVE FOR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS.**
11. Those who have been vaccinated within the last **six** months school must have proper documentation of vaccine on file. Those who have been directly exposed will not have to quarantine. However, parents and guardians will have to be sure to monitor symptoms.
12. Those who have been vaccinated longer than **six** months must self-quarantine for 5-days and monitor for symptoms.

**If a student or staff has a suspected case of COVID-19 or is demonstrating symptoms.**

1. Immediately separate staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are. CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick should be followed.
2. Provide an isolation room.
3. Call for home transportation, if necessary.
4. Can return when:
  1. 3 days with no fever **and**
  2. Symptoms improved **and**
  3. 10 days since symptoms first appeared or,
  4. or if cleared by a medical professional.
2. If case is confirmed, please see section (**confirmed case of COVID-19**)  
**In order to remain in compliance with HIPPA regulations, parents/guardians will be notified if a student or teacher in their child's cohort has a suspected case or a confirmed case of COVID-19.**

**If a student or staff has been directly exposed to a family member or household member.**

1. Notify Ms. King.
2. Those who have been directly exposed and are unvaccinated will have to self-quarantine for 7 days and return to school with a negative test result on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
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