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COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The Schools of Saints JFX

The local Departments of Public Health in Illinois, Cook County, Chicago and the Chicago Archdiocese have recently updated their guidance concerning Covid-19 testing and return-to-school admittance. Based on this new guidance:

- Any student who experiences a Covid-19 like symptom should be sent home immediately (in the case of students, siblings also go home).
- Individuals with symptoms should remain home for a FULL 24 hours, continuing to monitor for symptoms including a fever.
- If ALL symptoms have resolved in 24 hours the previously sick child/siblings may return to school, provided they have not been exposed to any individual infected with Covid-19.

If symptom does not resolve within 24 hours:

- Contact your Healthcare Provider for a documented alternative diagnosis and a Covid-19 test. Results may be emailed to nurse@sfx-school.org (SFX campus) or nurse@stjosephwilmette.com (SJ campus).
- Note that PCR testing (Gold Standard) is strongly preferred over the Rapid Antigen testing.
- The entire family should quarantine while awaiting test results.

The student is welcome back to school if the following criteria is reached:

- Documentation of a NEGATIVE test result for Covid-19.
- An alternative diagnosis with a note provided by a Health Care Provider.
- Individual is 75% symptom free and 72-hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication).
- The healthy siblings of the sick student are also welcome back to school if they continue to remain 100% symptom and fever free.

If a student or any family member tests **Covid-Positive**, or has had contact with another person who tests **Covid-Positive**, please contact the SFX or SJ School office. The nursing team from your campus will reach out with additional instructions.

If a student or employee travels to a state listed on the Chicago travel quarantine list, they and their family must quarantine for 14 days. **QUARANTINE** means staying home and keeping away from others (including outside).

If you are in quarantine due to Covid-19 exposure:

- You may return to school if you have been in quarantine for a full 14 days and have not developed any symptoms during that time.
- A Covid -19 test is recommended to help inform our schools of any possible exposure to a cohort.