



Dear Parents,

St. John's Health and Safety policies and protocols are continually discussed and evaluated by administration and the Trustees, in conjunction with consideration of SAES, CDC, Abilene community leaders, and local physicians. As current information, data, and guidance become available, we will reassess policies as needed. Your child's overall welfare and health is a priority.

St. John's has remained committed to providing on-campus learning to our entire student population in the safest environment possible. St. John's will continue to follow layered prevention strategies to keep our students and faculty safe. The School will continue to teach proper hand washing hygiene and include extra sanitization across campus.

St. John's current COVID specific guidelines are listed below:

Positive vaccinated student – Immunization record must be on file. The student must quarantine for 5 days. To return to school the student must be 24-hour symptom free. A negative test and masking an additional 5 days upon return are preferred but not required.

Positive unvaccinated student - The student must quarantine for 5 days. To return to school the student must be 24-hour symptom free. A negative test and masking an additional 5 days upon return are preferred but not required.

Positive case in the home:

Vaccinated Student: Immunization record must be on file. The student may return to school if asymptomatic. A negative test and masking for 5 days upon return are preferred but not required. If the student becomes symptomatic they will be sent home and will need a negative test or a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis to return.

Unvaccinated students: The student must test and may return to school with a negative test result. Masking for 5 days upon return is preferred but not required. If the student becomes symptomatic they will be sent home and will need a negative test or a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis to return.

Close contact outside the home – St. John's encourages parents to notify the school if your student has been recently exposed.

St. John's current guidelines for other contagious illnesses are listed below:

Students should not attend class if they:

- Have or have had a fever greater than 100 degrees within the past 24 hours.

- Have been diagnosed with a contagious illness, such as strep throat, tonsillitis, bronchitis, conjunctivitis, influenza, or COVID within the past 24 hours. (Even with prescribed medicine)
- Have experienced vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours.
- Are experiencing uncontrolled coughing or an asthmatic episode.

Students may return to class:

- Upon the student's temperature remaining below 100 degrees without medication for 24 hours.
- 24 hours after beginning antibiotic treatment, provided the student is able to participate in regular class activity.
- 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Once coughing or asthmatic episode has subsided.

St. John's pledges to continue to pursue effective progress in our efforts toward health, safety and prevention. We are so thankful for the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education.

If you have questions, please call the School at (325) 695-8870.

Sincerely,

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