



ST. PETER SCHOOL

A Collaborative of St. Peter & St. Timothy Parishes

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The Mission of St. Peter Catholic School is to create a caring, mutually respectful and inclusive community that works together to promote spiritual, academic and social growth.

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Updated Isolation and Quarantine Protocols

This past Friday, the Rhode Island Department of Health made several important updates that more closely align with the CDC's current guidance on isolation and quarantine. The updated isolation and quarantine protocols will go into effect on Monday, 1/10/22. Based on public health expertise and K-12 data, these protocols are adopted with the interest of health and student educational experience in mind.

Five Day Isolation for Positive Cases

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status, must isolate at home for five days beginning the day symptoms began (if symptomatic) OR the day of the test (if asymptomatic).

Students May Return on Day Six if:

- 1. There are NO symptoms**
- 2. Fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.**

Monitor to Stay

Any student identified as a **St. Peter close contact** does not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms.

1. Students should be screened each day and attest they do not have symptoms for five days.
2. Coming into school, students should be 100% symptom-free and healthy.
3. If any one (1) symptom develops, students will be sent home, start quarantine, and need to be tested.

Family Member Close Contact

Unvaccinated

If a family member tests positive the student should quarantine for five days while the household member is contagious. (Five days from the start of symptoms or five days from testing if asymptomatic). This should be followed by a five-day isolation period. The student may return to school on day 11 if they are not symptomatic.

Family Member Close Contact

Fully Vaccinated

If a family member tests positive and the student is fully vaccinated, they may attend school and closely follow the Monitor to Stay protocols.

Negative Tests to Return no Longer Necessary

RIDOH is no longer recommending testing to return to school. Therefore, it is imperative that families adhere to the above steps based on each situation. This includes being incredibly diligent about your child's symptoms when they return to school from isolation or quarantine.

This is a continuously evolving situation, and all policies will be flexible in responding to new information from RIDOH. As we continue to face unprecedented challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic, St. Peter School remains committed to our mission to work together to provide spiritual, academic, and social growth, even through these many challenges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

God Bless,

Christine Desmarais
Principal