

Handbook Addendum for 2020-2021 School Year

Holy Cross High School Administration, Staff, Faculty, Parents and Students will follow the Guidance for Dealing with COVID Cases prescribed in the Sharing Good Health literature provided by the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office.

Screening Tool:

All families are asked to use the screening tool provided by the Diocese of Scranton and this same tool will be utilized throughout the day at Holy Cross High School.

Diocese of Scranton School Symptom Screening Tool

Part I: If you answer “yes” to questions 1, 2, or 3, please contact your school prior to sending your child to school.

1. Are you/is the student taking any medication to treat or reduce a fever such as Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol)?
2. Have you traveled to an area (state or region) with required quarantine according to either Pennsylvania or United States guidelines?
3. Have you/your child been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days or told by the Department of Health that you/your child should quarantine?

Part II

1. Are you/is the student experiencing any of the following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Fever (100.4 or higher) Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing	Sore throat Runny nose/congestion Chills New lack of smell or taste Muscle pain Nausea or Vomiting Headache Diarrhea

Stay home if, you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**

- Are taking fever reducing medication **OR**
- Are within a window for recommended quarantine

Early Dismissals:

- Upon arriving to school, the student will take the parent note for early dismissal to the Dean's Office. The student's name, time of dismissal and reason should be listed on the note.
- Parents will be required to call from the parking lot upon arrival.
- Once the parent calls, the student will be called from his/her classroom. Please account for a few extra minutes for your son/daughter to prepare for the dismissal.
- An adult from the office will walk the student to the door and release them to a parent.

Students presenting with one symptom from Group A or two symptoms from Group B above:

- If a student comes up on a thermal scan or hand-held device as having a temperature over 100.4, they will be discreetly asked to move to the isolation room. Their temperature will be taken a few more times to ensure accuracy.
- If there is a repeat of temperature of 100.4 or higher, the COVID protocol will be followed.

COVID Protocol:

- The parent of the student will be called and asked to arrange to have their son/daughter picked up as soon as possible. If the student drives, the student will be asked if he/she feels they can drive and this will be confirmed with a parent.
- The student will remain under adult supervision until the parent calls from the parking lot and they will accompany the student to the parking lot.
- If a student is asked to leave due to suspected COVID, siblings of the student will also be asked to leave at the same time, due to likely exposure.
- Parents will be asked to follow the Diocesan guidelines for dealing with COVID cases.

Students can return when

a. With a negative COVID test:

1. Documentation of a negative COVID test from the individual's health care provider
2. At least 24 hours fever free with no fever reducing medication
3. Symptoms improving

b. With an alternative diagnosis

1. Documentation of an alternative diagnosis from the individual's health care provider
2. At least 24 hours fever free with no fever reducing medication
3. Symptoms improving

c. With no COVID Test

1. 24 hours with no fever with no fever reducing medication and
2. Symptoms have improved
3. And 10 days since the symptoms first appeared