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SRS COVID-19 Policy and Procedures
Updated September 23, 2022

Policy Statement: The purpose of this policy is to provide the school community with guidance for COVID-19 related matters as well as outlining current COVID-19 school safety protocols.

Applicability: This policy applies to all students, faculty and staff. Effective September 23, 2022.

Policy Authority:

School Principal- Ms. Gina Hand

School Nurse- Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN

Based on the expiration of the governor's Executive Order 21-87, CDC and RIDOH recommendations and considerations for the safety of the St. Rocco School community, the following protocols will be followed:

- Wearing masks will be optional for students and staff in St. Rocco School when the transmission level is low or moderate in Providence County as determined by the RIDOH. Should the transmission level be high, St. Rocco School will follow the guidance from the CDC and RIDOH for the use of masks.
- Wearing masks on both Johnston and Statewide buses is optional.
- Any student who tests positive will need to isolate at home for five days and may return on Day 6 if they don't have symptoms and they have been fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). They will need to wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days at school.
- Any class that has a positive case will be notified. All students regardless of vaccination status or previous infection will be considered close contacts. Close contacts will have the option to quarantine at home for 10 days or take part in the "Monitor to Stay Program". It is strongly recommended that close contacts regardless of vaccination status or previous infection wear a well-fitting mask at school for 10 days.
- All close contacts are required to test on day 6 either at home or at school. Anyone who chooses to test at home needs to email a picture of the test results to the school nurse before your child may return to school. Testing at school on Day 6 requires a signed permission slip.
- Parents should continue to monitor their children each day before coming to school by using the Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Tool that has been sent home. Students or staff who either have, or develop, symptoms must isolate at home, contact a healthcare provider and get tested.
- St. Rocco School encourages vaccination for all eligible members of the school community, which includes the booster for those eligible.

Symptomatic Individuals: Individuals, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, with one major symptom or two minor symptoms of COVID-19 must isolate and get tested (antigen or self-test).

- Lab processed PCR tests are not recommended for regular infection control due to access challenges and longer processing times.
- If the test is negative, they can return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication), free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours, and they are feeling back to usual health.
- Test results, including a picture of the test, must be emailed to the school nurse before return to school. If a test cannot be obtained, St. Rocco School can test your child with an antigen test upon return.
- Masks must be worn at all times in the school nurse office/spaces if an individual is experiencing symptoms.

All protocols are subject to change per RIDOH, CDC, DHS, RIDE and the St. Rocco School administration guidance and will be updated and revised as needed.

The following is the link to the RIDOH PreK-12 Playbook: <https://www.back2schoolri.com/>

Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Tool

COVID-19 Symptoms	
Cough (new)	<p>If your child has ANY ONE of these major symptoms: Your child needs a COVID-19 test to return to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • You can schedule an antigen test at your local pharmacy or healthcare provider. At-home antigen tests are acceptable. The results, including a picture of the test, must be emailed to the school nurse before your child can return to school.
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	
New loss of taste	
New loss of smell	
Fever (temperature higher than 100.4° or feels feverish to the touch)	<p>If your child has TWO OR MORE of these minor symptoms: Your child needs a COVID-19 test to return to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • You can schedule an antigen test at your local pharmacy or healthcare provider. At-home antigen tests are acceptable. The results, including a picture of the test, must be emailed to the school nurse before your child can return to school.
Chills	
Muscle or body aches	
Headache	
Sore throat	<p>If your child has ONLY ONE of these symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call your child’s healthcare provider for medical advice. • Keep your child at home until they have had no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, they are free from vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours, and symptoms have improved.
Fatigue	
Congestion or runny nose (new)	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	