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SRS COVID-19 Policy and Procedures Updated March 10, 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 March 14, 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 as determined by the RIDOH, masks will once again be required.
- 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 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" that St. Rocco School has been following since January 12th. Close contacts will be required to wear a well-fitting mask at school for 10 days and test on day 6. This is an added St. Rocco School protocol for the safety of our school community.
- Parents should continue to monitor their children each day before coming to school by using the same Daily COVID-19 Health Screening Tool that has been used throughout the year. Students or staff who either have, or develop, symptoms should isolate at home, contact a healthcare provider and get tested.
- Close contacts who are up-to-date with vaccination, including boosters, and those who have tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days are exempt from quarantine, but must wear a well-fitting mask at school for 10 days.
- Household contacts are not eligible to participate in the Monitor to Stay Program.
- Household close contacts who aren't exempt from quarantine must quarantine while the infected individual is in isolation, then start their own 5-day quarantine.
- St. Rocco School encourages vaccination for all eligible members of the school community, which includes the booster for those eligible.

Monitor to Stay Guidelines:

These guidelines permit students and staff identified as close contacts to a known COVID-19 case, who are not yet fully vaccinated, to be able to remain in school as long as they conduct symptom screening(s) and attest they do not have symptoms for five (5) days, follow quarantine guidance when outside of school, follow updated CDC guidance about masking and agree to be tested on Day 6. The close contacts must wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days. If they develop any symptoms, they must revert to regular isolation/quarantine requirements.

Symptomatic Individuals: Those with one major symptom or two minor symptoms of COVID-19 must isolate and get tested (PCR or Antigen).

- Lab processed PCR tests remain the gold standard for diagnosis and are highly recommended.
- 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) and they are feeling back to usual health.
- Test results must be emailed to the School Nurse before return to school. Results can also be printed and sent to the School Nurse upon return. If a test can not be obtained, St. Rocco School can test your child with an antigen test upon return.

COVID-19 Travel Guidelines:

At this point RIDOH is not mandating testing or quarantine after travel, whether or not you're vaccinated. This is subject to change based on the evolving nature of COVID-19 and the variants. The SRS travel guidelines will be updated in accordance with RIDOH guidelines.

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://health.ri.gov/publications/guidance/Outbreak-Response-Protocols-Pre-K-12.pdf>

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. • Schedule a test online at portal.ri.gov, call 222-8022, or your local pharmacy or healthcare provider.
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. • Schedule a test online at portal.ri.gov, call 222-8022, or your local pharmacy or healthcare provider.
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 and symptoms have improved.
Fatigue	
Congestion or runny nose (new)	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	