

# UPDATED "NEW" SCHOOL POLICY FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER ILLNESS

Update 2-3-2022

The new recommendations from the CDC have been implemented in the Diocese. Saint Jerome Catholic School will use the following when a student becomes ill. Please be sure to report all illnesses to the school office in a timely manner.

Per the school's policy; "Any person who is absent with Covid symptoms (including but not limited to, fever, chills, cough, muscle/body aches, headache, sore throat, congestions/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) or **have been exposed** to a positive case of Covid:

- Will need to QUARANTINE. Quarantine means to stay home for a minimum of 5 FULL days while a person waits for the symptoms to develop or not.
- **IF not** fully vaccinated or have not had Covid in the last 90 days the person will quarantine. If fully vaccinated, for ages 5-17 years of age (two shots), or have had Covid in the last 90 days there is no to quarantine.
- Must test after the 5 FULL days in Quarantine whether symptoms present or not. Email the results to [lbarasha@saintjerome.org](mailto:lbarasha@saintjerome.org) for either positive or negative results.

If a student tested **NEGATIVE** they can return to school after the 5 FULL days of quarantine with a negative test and must be fever free without the aid of medication, 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If the student tested **POSITIVE** with, or without symptoms, regardless of being fully vaccinated or not:

- Will need to ISOLATE. Isolate means to stay home and remove yourself from others (as best as possible) in the house for a minimum of 5 FULL days. No additional testing needed.
- Must be symptom and fever free, without the aid of any medication, to return to school."
- Please provide a copy of Covid vaccines to the Health Office

Always monitor symptoms for everyone in the household. Everyone should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from the date of their last close contact with someone with COVID-19 (the date of last close contact is considered day 0).

For further information please refer to the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html)  
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**Homework for absent students:**

In grades PS-4th grade, contact the teacher directly for any school work/assignments that need to be completed. The materials will be available at front desk for pick up no earlier than 3:15 p.m. on the day it is requested.

For grades 5-8, work and assignments are on Google Classroom. Please email the teacher if you need to pick up textbooks or other materials. Teachers will open a zoom link at the beginning of the day when students are out for quarantine. Please contact the teacher directly for more information.