

## PLAYBOOK

GSC will make efforts to monitor the health of their students and staff, although it is not required or suggested by the CDC. Specifically, they suggest schools and child care programs are **not expected** to screen children, students, or staff to identify cases of COVID-19. If a community, or specifically school, has cases of COVID-19, local health officials will help identify those individuals and follow up on next steps.

Below is some specific guidance related to situations involving the school, community and COVID-19.

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### **If a staff member or volunteer has a confirmed case of COVID-19**

1. Notify the local health officials – ask for guidance.
  2. After speaking with the health department and discussing the situation related to the exposure, implement the plan directed from the health department on who needs to be quarantined.
  3. Communicate to staff and families that there was a confirmed case – without using a name or identifying information of the person(s) involved.
  4. During the initial 2 to 5-day period, evaluate if any other related cases were identified and make a decision to extend or end the classroom dismissal.
  5. The staff/volunteer can return based on the guidance from the health department.
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### **If a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19**

1. Notify the local health officials – ask for guidance.
  2. After speaking with the health department and discussing the situation related to the exposure, implement the plan directed from the health department on who needs to be quarantined.
  3. Communicate to staff and families that there was a confirmed case – without using a name or identifying information of the person(s) involved.
  4. Close off the potentially infected, if recommended to do so by the health department.
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**If a student or staff has a suspected case of COVID-19 or is demonstrating symptoms.**

1. Immediately separate staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at the school. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are. CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick should be followed.
2. If the school is equipped and the parents have given permission, administer a COVID test.
3. Provide an isolation room.
4. Call for home transportation, if necessary.
5. The student or staff can return based on the guidance from the health department
6. Report the case to the Archdiocesan Tracker:  
<https://forms.gle/6HmYbx6y1BxNUKHK8>

**Response flowchart**

Situation	Unvaccinated Students not wearing a mask	Unvaccinated Student wearing a mask	Vaccinated student
Wearing masks	Required to have a signed waiver	Will need to wear a mask	Mask optional
Close contact with a covid case	Will need to follow quarantine procedures (below)	Will not need to quarantine	Will not need to quarantine
Test positive for Covid	Will quarantine for 10 day	Will quarantine for 10 day	Will quarantine for 10 day

**Define quarantine procedures**

A child that is required to follow quarantine procedures will need to quarantine for a minimum of five days. At the five days point a child can:

- Get a COVID test, if negative can return after 7 days.
- Not get a test and return after 10 days.

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Specific Situations

- If a student, teacher or staff member has been vaccinated, but comes in close contact with COVID (indoors or outdoors) do they have to quarantine? If so, how long? And do they need to get a COVID negative test result to return to school? If so, when should they get a COVID test?

The current recommendation per the CDC and HAN 583 is if a fully vaccinated person is exposed to someone with COVID-19, they do not need to quarantine. However, they should:

- Get tested 2-5 days after exposure, even if they don't have symptoms.
- Wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test results are negative.
- Isolate for 10 days if their test result is positive.

If someone is fully vaccinated and develops COVID-like symptoms, they should isolate and be tested for COVID. However, keep in mind that the CDC has provided an exclusion to the close contact definition for students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where:

- Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks.
- Other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K-12 setting.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

- Outdoor classes or sports. Do students have to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status?

Mask use is strongly recommended *indoors* for all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status in the K-12 setting.

- When a child that is wearing a mask, not vaccinated is in close contact? Do they need to quarantine? I am assuming yes, but not sure.

The CDC guidance says “No”. As long as the students are social distancing and wearing a mask they will not have to quarantine if they come in close contact with someone that has COVID. They would have to get a test if they start showing signs of being sick and then they would have to quarantine. Adults would still have to quarantine, though.