



REGIS
Catholic Schools

2021-22

PreK-12 COVID-19
Information & Policies

Regis High School



Regis Middle School



Immaculate Conception Elementary School



St. James Elementary School



St. Mary's Elementary School

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We faced many challenges during the last school year and we are grateful to be making steps toward another successful year in 2021-22. However, we are not out of the woods yet as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. We care about all people in our schools and are continuously monitoring COVID-19 conditions in the Eau Claire area. We strongly encourage you to stay diligent and pay close attention to communications, as our COVID-19 policies may change based on possible disease spread in Eau Claire County.

We appreciate your partnership as we work together to provide the safest care for all people in our school community. If you have any questions about our COVID-19 policies, please reach out to your building's administrator. Thank you for your compliance, cooperation, and dedication throughout this entire pandemic.

MASK WEARING

Mask wearing is a parental decision and will be optional for students and staff at our schools unless we reach a predetermined percentage of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and quarantines at any given school building. (See below.)

We strongly encourage those individuals who choose not to be vaccinated or cannot be vaccinated to wear a mask. All are welcome and invited to wear a mask at any time.

We monitor the COVID-19 positive cases and quarantines at our schools daily. Masking will remain optional unless a total of 20% of the school population at any given school building are in quarantine or have confirmed positive COVID-19 cases at one time. If and when that 20% threshold is reached, we will implement required masking indoors only at that school building for two (2) consecutive weeks. (When accounting for the weekend, ten (10) total school days.) The impacted school building will return to optional masking after that two (2) week period if the percentage has fallen below 20%.

(For this purpose, our Regis Middle School and Regis High School population numbers will be added together, with the Regis campus combined as one school.)

If masking becomes required, it will be done on an individual building basis. (For example, St. Mary's Elementary School may need to implement a temporary period of mandatory masking due to current numbers while St. James Elementary School will not.) **If masking becomes required at your child's school, it will be communicated directly by your school office.** You will also be able to check our 2021-22 School Year Information (COVID-19) webpage (www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/coronavirus-information/) at any time to see which schools, if any, are requiring masks and for how long they will do so.

It is important to note that Regis Catholic Schools reserves the right to change this mask policy at any time during the 2021-22 school year. Local, state, or federal mandates could warrant a change, as could a significant increase in positive COVID-19 rates in specific schools and/or grade levels. Any changes will be communicated via email and school communications.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requires face coverings while using all public transportation, which applies to school buses. This means that at this time, students must wear a face covering for all situations when they are using a school bus.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Our classrooms will be set-up with a physical space of three feet between each student.

VACCINATIONS

Regis Catholic Schools strongly encourages, but does not require, its students and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Having a minor child receive the COVID-19 vaccine is a parental decision. We will not ask for proof of vaccination. Again, we strongly recommend all individuals who are able to receive the vaccine.

You can learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and its availability online at <https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19-vaccine-appointments>.

COVID-19 TESTING

Regis Catholic Schools does not offer COVID-19 testing on-site at our schools and we encourage you to get tested at an off-site location if/when requested. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our schools safe by getting tested and sharing the results with us when symptoms warrant. As always, we encourage COVID-19 testing when symptoms are present.

You can learn more about COVID-19 testing options online at <https://coronavirus-and-covid-19-information-hub-eccounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/symptoms-and-testing>.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

Confirmed Case of COVID-19

If an individual is COVID-19 positive, he or she must (regardless of vaccination status):

- Stay home and isolate away from others for 5 days.
- May return to school and other activities on day 6 IF...
 - They have no fever.
 - Symptoms have improved.
 - They wear a well-fitting mask at all times when out of the home for an additional 5 days, through day 10.

If the individual has a fever, he or she must continue to stay home until the fever resolves.

Close Contact of Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Who MUST quarantine	Who does NOT need to quarantine*
<input type="checkbox"/> Not vaccinated <input type="checkbox"/> It has been less than 2 weeks since getting a single dose of J&J or 2 nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna <input type="checkbox"/> Age 12+ and received Pfizer/Moderna more than 5 months ago and not boosted <input type="checkbox"/> Age 18+ and received J & J more than 2 months ago and not boosted	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 5-11 years and it has been 2 weeks or more since 2 nd Pfizer dose <input type="checkbox"/> Age 12+, vaccinated more than 2 weeks ago and less than 5 months ago with Pfizer/Moderna <input type="checkbox"/> Age 12+, vaccinated, and received booster <input type="checkbox"/> Age 18+, vaccinated more than 2 weeks ago and less than 2 months ago with J&J <input type="checkbox"/> Tested positive within last 90 days (using <u>viral test</u>)

If an individual must quarantine, they must:

- Stay home and quarantine for 5 days, with a return on day 6.
 - Do not attend school or other activities out of the home before day 6.
- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days when around others or in public starting on day 6. Do not go to places where the individual is unable to wear a mask.
 - Those who cannot mask (ages 2 or under) or will not mask reliably MUST quarantine for 10 days.
- If symptoms develop at any time the individual must stay home and testing is strongly recommended. Even if the individual never develops symptoms, it is strongly recommended to get a test on day 5 after exposure. COVID-19 symptoms may seem like a cold, flu, or allergies. Common COVID-19 symptoms include sore throat, runny nose, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain/body aches, or headache. You can find testing locations at bit.ly/SymptomsTesting.

- No visitors can enter your home. Other family members are free to come and go as they wish unless they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

If an individual does not need to quarantine, they should follow the guidance below:

- The individual must wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days after exposure (even if vaccinated).
- If symptoms develop, the individual must stay home and testing is recommended. You can find testing locations at bit.ly/SymptomsTesting.
- It is strongly recommended to get a test on day 5 after exposure.

COVID-19 is a virus that can be spread even before individuals show symptoms. It spreads easily from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing, or laugh. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/CovidContact>.

HEALTH SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Our schools will not screen (take temperatures or ask health-related questions) students as they enter the school building. We strongly encourage families to monitor their child(ren)'s temperature daily before the school day begins. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, please keep him or her home.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make certain a child is healthy and able to attend school. **Sending a child(ren) to school with obvious symptoms of illness is unacceptable and that child will immediately be sent back home.**

If, during the school day, a student appears to have an illness, the school will help the student and also proceed with a standard medical response like taking the student's temperature, as in the past. We will be vigilant and will not ignore possible symptoms of an illness.

SICK CHILD POLICY

A sick child must stay home from school, regardless of the type of illness. Please call your school's office to keep the lines of communication open regarding the reason for your child's absence and if the absence is related to COVID-19.

All of our existing rules and policies as it relates to a sick child still apply. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, along with any of the symptoms listed below, they must remain at home until they are symptom free without the use of medication for 24 hours.

Medical experts say COVID-19 can present with fever, cough, nasal congestion or rhinorrhea, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, headache, muscle pain or muscle ache, poor feeding or poor appetite. Under these conditions, we must assume a child has COVID-19 until proven otherwise.

If your child is ill, you are required to keep them at home until you know the reason for the illness. Our goal is to keep a majority of our students attending school in-person at all times and we must work to stem the spread of illness.

IDENTIFICATION OF POSITIVE CASES

As soon as we are alerted of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, we will immediately be in contact with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. The school or schools impacted will send a direct communication to parents/guardians as soon as possible outlining how we are advised to handle the situation and how that impacts future education. Per the direction of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Regis Catholic Schools does not have an official written policy as it relates to responding to confirmed cases of COVID-19, as each one will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- The Eau Claire City-County Health Department does not allow us to release specific details as it relates to an identified positive COVID-19 case connected to our school system. This is to protect the privacy rights of the individual who has received a positive test result. We cannot share the positive person's name, his or her role in our school (i.e. student or staff member), how severe his or her symptoms are, etc. We can only identify which building (or classroom, if so directed) or group (i.e. athletic team) has been identified as being connected to the positive case. We understand it may be frustrating not to know all of the details of every case, however, we follow the protocol established by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department on this.
- When a positive COVID-19 case connected to our school system is confirmed, we will send an email communication to the parents/guardians of individuals, a specific classroom, or school building(s) as instructed by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. We will NOT email ALL parents/guardians within the system each time. This means you may hear about positive cases at one of our schools your child does not attend or within an activity your child does not participate in via word-of-mouth or media coverage.
- If your child is considered a direct contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, you will be directly contacted.
- If a positive COVID-19 case impacts future education for any individual student or classroom, those families who are directly impacted will be notified as to the plan moving forward.

Parents/guardians must contact the school's administrator and/or main office immediately if you or your child(ren) may have been exposed to COVID-19.

If a classroom(s) is impacted by a student or employee diagnosed with COVID-19, the room will be deep-cleaned before it will be used again and we will consult with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTIONS (LIMITED)

Regis Middle School & Regis High School

If your child is out of school for a COVID-related reason (positive COVID-19 test or required quarantine), Regis Catholic Schools will offer virtual learning. **Middle and high school at-home learners will be required to join each class live during the scheduled class time. Students will be required to return to in-person as soon as it is safe to do so.**

Elementary Schools

If your child is out of school for a COVID-related reason (positive COVID-19 test or required quarantine), Regis Catholic Schools will offer virtual learning. Elementary at-home learners will not be required to join each class live during the scheduled class time and can complete the work when it is convenient for the student/family. Students will be required to return to in-person learning as soon as it is safe to do so.

If an entire classroom/grade level is required to quarantine, virtual learning will be offered for all students.

Virtual learning due to a personal choice/reason will only be allowed on an individual basis for rare/extreme circumstances and must be approved by school leadership and our Dean. If you feel your child has a valid reason to be a virtual learner for the 2021-22 school year, please contact your school administrator immediately.

- Students participating in virtual learning for a personal choice/reason will need to remain virtual learners for an entire quarter at a time. The student will be allowed to return to in-person learning at the start of a new quarter, if desired.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

Parents, visitors, and volunteers will be allowed back in our buildings during the 2021-22 school year. Please contact your child's school directly to learn more about classroom and school volunteer opportunities.

We respectfully ask you to not enter our buildings if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

FACILITY CLEANLINESS & VENTILATION

Our custodians will continue to thoroughly clean our schools after each day and will conduct specialized cleaning if COVID-19 outbreaks occur.

We will continue to use hand sanitizer in our buildings and will also continue to promote good hygiene.

Windows will be opened throughout the day to ensure proper ventilation in all areas.

COMMUNICATION

Regis Catholic Schools will communicate any COVID-19 updates with families both at the system and school level. Please take the time to read all paper and email communications that are shared. Policy and procedure changes may happen quickly and this will be the best way for you to stay up-to-date.

We will also utilize our 2021-22 School Year Information (COVID-19) web page, available at www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/coronavirus-information/.

The situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change quickly. All policies, procedures, and information are subject to change based on the advice of our local health department and/or the Diocese of La Crosse. Any and all changes are and will be effective immediately. It is important to keep in contact with your school and read all communications.

***Balance and scales belong to the Lord:
all the weights used with them are His concern.***

Proverbs 16:11