OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Student Protocols for Exposure and Positive COVID-19 Cases
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Students who test positive for COVID-19

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, will be directed to:

- Stay home for five (5) days; and
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms have resolved after five (5) days, you may return to school; and
- You will be required to wear a mask around others for five (5) additional days.

Students exposed to someone with COVID-19

Parents or legal guardians may determine how their child receives education after having direct contact with an individual who received a positive test for COVID-19 by choosing one of the following two (2) options:

1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, so long as the student remains asymptomatic.

   OR

2. Quarantine the student for a period not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19.

If the student becomes symptomatic following direct contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19, the procedures set forth for symptomatic students and COVID-19 positive students shall apply.

If a household member of a Diocese of Palm Beach employee/student has tested positive, all Diocese of Palm Beach employees/students in that household must follow the exposure guidelines.

If there is a need to test, per above guidelines, individuals must provide a copy of their test results to their school administrator. **A PCR test is recommended** as it is the most reliable.

It is critical that students do not report to school while they are experiencing any respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills or fatigue. They are to follow the CDC guidelines and their medical provider's instructions carefully. Students who report to school will be sent home in accordance with these health guidelines.