

COVID 19 Quarantine policy for students

Close Contact

A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of a person confirmed or probable COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over 24 hours period starting from 2 days before illness onset or 2 day prior to test. Close Contact by definition does not mean that anyone will be quarantined

Quarantine is NOT necessary for the following close contact:

Students who have tested positive in the last 3 months

Student exposure is not from an immediate household member and the student has been fully vaccinated against COVID 19 defined as 2 weeks or more following the second dose of the two dose series or receipt of the one dose using a single dose vaccine. CC that are exempt from quarantine will have to wear masks for 14 days following the exposure.

Close Contact Quarantine

If a member of the immediate family (any person living in the same household – including shared custody situations) tests positive - all students in the household will be required to quarantine from school and any and all activities, events, and/or games associated with our school/parish community.

If your child is considered a close contact (in school or out of school) and must quarantine, you will have the option to have your child return at 7 days with a negative test (see below for specific test requirements) or 10 days with no test needed

- If you want to send your child to return back to school on the 7th day, you must send a copy of a negative (PCR) test either by email to rupkuss@stthecla.com or a copy to the school office.
- Students who return without providing a copy of a negative test will be sent home to finish quarantine, returning after 10 days.
- The COVID test must be taken within the 48 hours of returning to school (if the student is scheduled to return on Monday, the test can be completed on Friday)

Parents should email the teachers directly to discuss homework situations

Confirmed or Probable Covid Case

A confirmed case is someone who has a positive PCR test and a probable case of COVID-19 if the positive test was an antigen test. A person who is symptomatic and has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive.

The school must report any student with a confirmed or probable case to the Macomb County health department

If you have tested your child for COVID due to symptoms and/or being a close contact and are waiting for results. Please consider quarantining until the results are in. Not doing so, results in unnecessary quarantines.

Symptomatic COVID positive students may return to school if:

- At least 10 days have passed since the symptom onset AND
- 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications AND
- Other symptoms have improved

Non symptomatic COVID positive students may return to school if:

- Students who tested positive, but never had symptoms may return if at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive test (provided no symptoms appeared during the 10 -day period)

Sports/Events/School or Church Gatherings During Quarantine

Students that are on quarantine should not attend any school events and/or sporting practices/games during their quarantine. If you are unsure if you should be attending an event or sports program, please call the office to confirm. **ANY STUDENT THAT ATTENDS A PRACTICE OR GAME WHILE BEING QUARANTINED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.** It does not matter if the quarantine is due to CC or COVID positive. Quarantine students may not participate.

Any coach that allows a positive and/or quarantined student to participate will meet with the AD, Pastor for discussion of their continuation in our sports program.

Any parents that knowingly attend games while they are COVID positive, will be banned as a spectator for the remainder of that sports season.

The sports program will follow the most current masking decision of the school. The AD will be notified when and if a temporary or permanent masking mandate is put in place for St. Thecla Catholic School.

We will continue to update everyone on the case numbers, but please respect that we will not share any specific student information, including classrooms, etc.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to send me an email rupkuss@stthecla.com