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Dear St. Dominic School Families:

Yesterday, the Minnesota Department of Health released new guidelines relating to quarantine, isolation and testing for Covid-19 in schools. We want to share with you how this affects St. Dominic School students, staff and families.

Test Positive

If an SDS student or staff member tests positive, the following protocols will be taken:

- The positive person must quarantine themselves at home for a period of five days.
- If after five days the person is not showing symptoms, they have the option to return to school.
- The person will be required to wear a school provided N95 mask while at school for the remainder of their 10 day quarantine period, in addition they will eat lunch in a separate location from the cafeteria. This may be their classroom with adult supervision for students.
- Students and staff will be given one N95 mask to wear at school during this time period. Students will wear a cloth mask to and from school, and change into their N95 school issued mask while at school.

**We are providing N95 masks as the CDC and MDH guidance states wearing a “tight fitting mask for the remainder of the 10 day quarantine” period.

Positive Exposure

If an SDS student or staff member is exposed to a positive case, the following protocols will be taken:

- Staff who are fully vaccinated, two initial shots plus a booster (if more than five months from second shot), need to monitor for symptoms but do not need to isolate at home. They may remain at school. Should symptoms develop, a test and isolation at home are required.
- Students who are fully vaccinated, either two weeks past their initial two shots if within the past five months or initial two shots plus booster (if five months past 2nd shot), need to monitor for symptoms but do not need to isolate at home. Should symptoms develop, a test and isolation at home are required. These students may remain in school unless symptoms develop.

- Students who are not fully vaccinated need to be isolated at home for a period of five days. If the positive exposure is within their household, they must isolate themselves away from the positive person. Their five days of isolation begins the day after their last time/exposure around the positive person. After five days, the student needs a PCR test done in order to return to school. If the test is negative, the student may return to school. If the test is positive, they begin their own quarantine time period.

Rapid PCR Test at School

We are still offering the CUE rapid PCR test at school during school hours. To schedule a time for this test, please contact [Mrs. Biren](#) AND [Mrs. Patterson](#). At this time we are able to run two tests at a time.

Thank you to all of our parents for being so vigilant in keeping your child home when they are sick or have symptoms. This is greatly helping us to stay in-person for school this year. Should your child be exposed to a positive case or become sick and develop symptoms, please contact Mrs. Biren and Mrs. Patterson for next steps. In your email/message please provide the following information:

- **If exposed**, please let us know the last date of contact with the positive case and when the person tested positive.
- **If sick and/or showing symptoms**, please let us know the exact symptoms, the date the symptoms started, and if your child has been exposed to a positive case.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at any time.

Blessings,

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Principal

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School Nurse