ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Covid-19 FAQ .



Your questions answered.

Does my child have to wear a mask indoors starting this school year?

Yes. All individuals must wear a cloth, protective face covering over their nose and mouth indoors. This includes any classroom, office or other indoor space that is shared by more than one individual.

Are masks going to be worn outside? Will they need to socially distance when outside?

No and No. In accordance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, students and staff are NOT required to wear a face mask outside. As is the case for social distancing, it is recommended that individuals wear a face mask and socially distance when possible but not to impede the child from being able to attend school as normal.

Does my child have to be vaccinated? If so, how do I provide information to the school about my stance on this?

Your child does not have to be vaccinated to attend school as of August, 2021. Children 12 and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. If your child is vaccinated, we request that a copy of their vaccine card is sent to our school office to have on file. We understand that this is a sensitive issue among many parents and as a school, we do not have an official stance on whether or not your child needs to be vaccinated, when and if possible. We will follow county orders but will not enforce additional restrictions unless deemed necessary to protect the health and well-being of our students.

Please explain what the "Exposure" rules are.

We have been given strict Covid-19 exposure management guidelines that must be followed in any exposure case. If you, your child, or someone in your immediate household has been on campus and has been exposed to Covid-19 but has not yet tested positive, we ask that you write an email to Mr. Freel at mfreel@stjudeschool. He will be in charge of following through with all protocols within 24 hours of first being contacted. For a full description of the exposure management protocols, please visit the COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools.

 $http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan_K12Schools.pdf$

What does the school need from parents if your child is sick the night or morning before school?

Please keep your child home and monitor their symptoms. We need parents to allow their sick child to be at home and resting. If symptoms worsen, please contact the school so we can complete our Covid-19 exposure management process. We ask if your child is sick for 3 or more days, please contact Mr. Freel directly. Additionally, please email your child's teacher if they're going to miss a day of school.

Should I get my child tested if they are sick? If they are positive, what do I need to do for the school?

Please consult with your child's physician as to if they should be tested for Covid-19 or not. We cannot make a recommendation about this matter, but we do need to know if a child has been tested. We ask that you share the results of any Covid-19 test.