

SAINT BEDE ACADEMY

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Dear Saint Bede Families,

We hope this information finds you and your family well. We wanted to follow up with our Return to Learn plan that was sent out last week. Please read and understand this information.

Once again, **St. Bede Academy is requiring masks be worn indoors by all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the school, regardless of vaccination status.**

The CDC and IPDH strongly encourage all individuals eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine to be vaccinated. Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the spread of COVID-19. Parents/guardians are asked to voluntarily provide proof of vaccination for their student to the school in order to help administrators and faculty perform prompt contact tracing, follow proper quarantine and testing protocols, and identify those students who may be able to go unmasked in the future. The student's vaccination card can be either copied and dropped off in the main office or scanned and emailed to Jolene Plankenhorn, our school secretary, at jplankenhorn@st-bede.com.

The information in this letter highlights the quarantine information for both vaccinated and unvaccinated students. **The information in this return to learn plan is subject to frequent change. As always, the Saint Bede Administrative team will notify our families of updates and changes when available.**

SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

The most recent chart provided to schools was on May 4, 2021. The best way for you to protect in-person learning is by keeping your student home if they have a fever of 100.4 or higher, have new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, or muscle or body aches. This can be the best defense in keeping our school community safe.

FULLY VACCINATED

If you are exposed to COVID-19 and are fully vaccinated, you do not have to quarantine if you are asymptomatic. The school must have a copy of the vaccination card on file in the main office. IDPH recommends that you self monitor symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop - isolate and get tested.

WHEN CAN YOUR STUDENT RETURN

The IDPH and local health departments recommend that all students are tested that have COVID-like symptoms.

POSITIVE CASE

Individuals will quarantine for 10 days in isolation from onset of symptoms (or test date) AND fever free for 24 hours and symptoms improving.

- This includes **vaccinated individuals** and those greater than 90 days since previous positive.
- Close contacts will be quarantined as well.

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SYMPTOMATIC CASE

Symptomatic with **NEGATIVE** test - stay home until symptoms resolve (negative test needs to be within 48 hours before symptom onset).

Symptomatic with **ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS** - stay home until symptoms resolve.

Symptomatic with **NO ALTERNATIVE DIAGNOSIS AND NO TEST** - stay home 10 calendar days from symptom onset and fever free for 24 hour and symptoms improve.

- Quarantine - 14 day for HOUSEHOLD CLOSE CONTACTS unless the household member is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.

ASYMPTOMATIC CLOSE CONTACT

Stay home 14 day unless fully vaccinated or early release options.

QUARANTINE OPTIONS

There are several options, but all guidelines and criteria must be met. Options are available on a case by case basis. Please note that the date of exposure and regardless of when quarantine ends, symptoms need to be monitored through day 14. Please remember that quarantine is for 14, 10 or 7 FULL DAYS of quarantine.

If there is a household exposure and there is no separation in the house from the positive case, there would be an extended quarantine period (24 days) and the quarantine options below do not apply.

OPTION 1: 14 Day Quarantine

- CDC recommendation and safest
- Individuals can return to school on day 15.

OPTION 2: 10 Day Quarantine

- Individuals have not developed symptoms during daily monitoring.
- PCR test is recommended.
- Individuals will return on day 11.
- Individuals can maintain physical distancing and masking at all times when returning to school through day 14.

OPTION 3: 7 Day Quarantine

- No symptoms developed during daily monitoring
- Negative PCR test required on day 6 or after.
 - Copy of negative test results must be provided to school.
- Individuals can return on day 8.
- Individuals must maintain physical distancing and masking at all times when returning to school through day 14.

OPTION 4: TEST TO STAY

- Test close contact at Day 1, 3, 5, and 7 (PCR or Rapid Antigen)
 - Can stay in the classroom provided the student test negative.

Test To Stay can only be used when the COVID positive student and close contact were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks. **Household exposures are not allowed to use test to stay.**

Please note, parents are responsible for getting the release of quarantine letters from your county's health department to Saint Bede. **There will be no filmed remote instruction provided. Students will be responsible for contacting their teachers, completing assignments, etc., as they would previously on a sick day.**

We found an error in the schedule, so we have included a corrected copy to the schedule. Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of our school community!

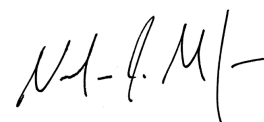
Educationally yours,



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2021-2022 SBA DAILY SCHEDULES

M, W, TH, F		TUESDAY	
Period A	7:50-8:33	Period A	7:50-8:23
Homeroom	8:33-8:43	Homeroom	8:23-8:43
Period B	8:47-9:30	Period B	8:47-9:20
Period C	9:34-10:17	Period C	9:24-9:57
Period D	10:21-11:04	Period D	10:01-10:34
Period E	E1: 11:08 - 11:54, Lunch 11:57-12:18 E2: 11:08-11:29/11:57-12:18, Lunch 11:33-11:54 E3: 11:33 - 12:18, Lunch 11:08 - 11:29	Period E	E1: 10:38 - 11:24, Lunch 11:27 - 11:48 E2: 10:38-10:59/11:27-11:48, Lunch 11:03-11:24 E3: 11:03 - 11:48, Lunch 10:38 - 10:59
Period F	12:22-1:06	Period F	11:52-12:25
Period G	1:10-1:53	Period G	12:29-1:02
Period H	1:57-2:40	Period H	1:06-1:40