

Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools

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Dear Parents and Students,

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY.

We write to you today with an update regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols that were shared with us yesterday afternoon by the State of Michigan and the Monroe County Health Department. We are sharing this now after reviewing the information and these new guidelines will take effect on Monday, September 13.

We have received confirmation from MCHD officials that the information below and that which is contained in the links that follow incorporate all of the latest changes from the State of Michigan and are the current protocols and guidance that MCES is required, by Michigan state law and the directives of the Archdiocese of Detroit, to follow until otherwise notified.

The parameters are outlined in the links below:

[mi safer schools guidance for managing students exposed to covid-19.pdf](#)

[mdhhs school quarantine guidance flowchart 9-8-21 version .pdf](#)

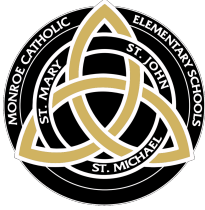
[mchd ppt presentation to schools 9-8-21 version .pdf](#)

These documents have also been uploaded to our website's [COVID-19 Dashboard and Resource](#) page.

These documents and other local COVID-19 school information can be found on the Monroe County Health Department's [School Communicable Disease Info](#) homepage.

A close reading of the new protocols shows a few major changes from earlier requirements including:

1. A student identified as a close contact who is not vaccinated is required to quarantine if they or the COVID-19 positive person were not both masked. If s/he remains asymptomatic they may return to school and school-related activities on the 8th day after contact, with a negative COVID-19 test.
2. A student who has provided the school with proof of vaccination and is identified as a close contact may remain in school, but is required to wear a mask indoors for 14 days and must take a COVID-19 test on days 3, 4, or 5 post contact, provided s/he remains asymptomatic.



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3. These new requirements from the MCHD are structured in a way where your student's best chance to avoid having to quarantine is being vaccinated, wearing a mask, and having others around them wear a mask.

The choice to have your student vaccinated and to wear a mask remains with you as their parent.

If you are in need of further clarification about a specific question after reviewing all of these resources, please contact the Monroe County Health Department at (734) 240-7830.

If your student has been vaccinated but you have yet to share that information with us as requested, you must provide us with a copy of their vaccination card.

Finally, parents, we strongly urge you to keep your students home from school whenever they are experiencing any symptoms and DO NOT send your students to school if you are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test for them or anyone in your immediate family. Masks are strongly recommended.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Thank you,

MCES Administration