

St. Luke Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

January 7, 2022

Dear St. Luke families,

We appreciate your support of St. Luke School through this challenging time, as we continue to make decisions concerning the health and safety of our students and staff. St. Luke School Board meets monthly and discusses any updates to the St. Luke Health and Safety Policy. We continue to monitor both local transmission levels as well as cases within our school and school families in making decisions concerning masking and other COVID-19 related safety measures.

This past week, the CDC updated their guidance regarding quarantine and isolation. This update will apply to our Health and Safety Policy.

Regarding Quarantine times:

- **Students and staff members who test positive for COVID will only be required to quarantine away from school for five days, assuming they are asymptomatic or that their COVID symptoms are resolving by the conclusion of the fifth day (not counting the symptoms of lost taste and smell). As a precaution, a strict mask policy will be in place for an additional 5 days upon their return. To keep others safe and in school, it will be extremely important that families ensure that their child is truly well enough and not exhibiting symptoms before returning to school, regardless of how many days have passed.**

Regarding Close Contact situations:

- **Close contact at home without symptoms (not vaccinated)—quarantine for 10 days.**
- **Close contact at home without symptoms (vaccinated and/or boosted)—do not have to quarantine; must wear a mask for 10 days. *Please observe closely for onset of symptoms.***
- **Student sent home from school due to symptoms can return after 5 days, unless a negative test can be produced earlier, or he/she is cleared by a doctor.**

Regarding COVID testing: We require testing to be performed at a medical facility, not a home test.

Regarding masks: We are still requiring masks be worn indoors.

Thank you all again for your diligence in monitoring the health of your children and keeping them home when they are sick. We greatly appreciate your patience and support as we all navigate these challenging times.

Serving Him,

St. Luke School Board

Kelly Carney, Principal