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Covid Protocol and Sick Policy as of 01/16/24

Schools are no longer required to contact trace or report positive cases to IDOH.

Schools are no longer required to quarantine students exposed to a known positive individual, regardless of vaccination status.

Symptomatic students should stay home until their symptoms have improved **and** they have been fever free for 24 hours without taking any fever reducing medication. A negative COVID-19 Test or doctor's note is no longer required to return to school. Masks are optional and no longer required on buses; however, masking will be expected for individuals in certain situations.

If a student meets the requirements for a positive COVID 19 Exposure

If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home if positive, follow isolation guidance (see below). If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

- Per updated CDC guidelines (8/24/22) if a close contact exposure is known, it is the expectation of Bishop Chatard High School that students will mask for 10 days from the first day of known exposure.
- Please Monitor students for any COVID symptoms during this time.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

- Should stay home and isolate from other people for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the date of the day of the Positive viral test for asymptomatic persons).
- People who are in isolation may return to school on day *6 as long as they remain fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms have improved.
- They should wear a mask around others at home, in public, and at school for an additional 5 days (days 6-10).
- People who are confirmed to have COVID-19 regardless of their vaccination status or symptoms should be isolated.
- Please send a copy of Positive COVID test results to medical@bishopchatard.org (If this is a home test, take a picture of the resulted test. Be sure to identify the result with the student's name and date on a piece of paper in the photo).

Reasons a student will be sent home from school

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- Persistent Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Pink eye with yellow or green drainage
- Pain or Injury that does not allow them to participate in school.
- Students with any above symptoms should stay home from school until symptoms have resolved.

Academic Support During Extended Absence

Students facing short term absences who feel well enough to stay up-to-date on school work should use Canvas for daily agendas, content, and assignments, and follow up directly with teachers via email with questions. Students are excused from submitting any work the same number of days they are absent. Teachers will work with students during class, seminar, or office hours to assist student learning when they return to school, but it is imperative that students remain diligent of courses and assignments as best they are able.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any updates, questions, or concerns.

PLEASE CONTACT medical@bishopchatard.org with any questions.