



COVID-19/Quarantine Update

Dear SPLS Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the Christmas Break, I would like to update you on a few changes that have been made to our COVID/Quarantine processes.

Normally, when SPLS had a reported case, we would carefully consider which students of the class were likely close contacts, I would communicate that to parents via a phone call or letter, and Lafayette County Health Department would quarantine students for 10 days after the close contact. Due to a recent Missouri court case (Robinson vs Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services), it is my understanding that Lafayette County Health is unable to quarantine close contacts.

While we work through these new regulations and gain additional guidance, we have made a few changes to our procedures. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they will be asked to remain out of school for 10 days after the onset of symptoms or from the positive test if asymptomatic. If there are close contacts in a classroom, we will continue to send a letter home to parents about the positive case; however, St. Paul's will not be putting close contacts into quarantine, at this time. So, your child(ren) will be allowed to continue to attend school, but we ask that you keep an extra diligent eye on your child to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If any of your children develop any COVID symptoms, please keep them home from school. Also, if you feel more comfortable keeping your child at home during this time, we respect your decision to do so. If you decide to keep your child home, we ask that you inform the school office by calling (660) 463-7654 or by emailing school@splsconcordia.org.



While I take a moment to update you on COVID/Quarantine, I will also send this reminder which is taken directly from the school handbook. For more information about our policy and procedures on illness, please refer to the school handbook on pages 14-15.

““Is my child too sick to go to school?”

Yes, if he or she . . .

- Has a fever: Exclusion from school twenty-four hours after fever.
- Has diarrhea: Exclusion from school twenty-four hours after diarrhea has stopped.
- Is vomiting: Exclusion from school twenty-four hours after vomiting has stopped.
- Has a rash: Exclusion from school until properly treated.
- Has head lice: Exclusion from school until treated with effective insecticide, and clothing has been treated (look for small white nits or eggs clinging to the hair shaft and scratching of the head).
- Has green or yellow mucus (either in the nose or being coughed up).

Please call the school office that morning to let us know of his/her absence. Should your child become ill at school, you or others listed on your emergency form, will be contacted to come and pick him/her up. If he/she is well enough to come to school, he/she is well enough to participate in the regular program, including outdoor activities. Students participating in sports who miss the last half of a school day are not permitted to participate in practice or contest the same day.”

If you have any questions about CDC and Lafayette County Health recommendations, feel free to give the Lafayette County Health Department a call at 660-259-4371 ext. 2009.

Thank you for your help keeping St. Paul's Lutheran School safe!

Merry Christmas!

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