

## 2020-2021 Bishop Chatard School Handbook COVID-19 Policy Updates

### **Wearing of face masks**

Face masks should be conservative in appearance. We ask that face mask decorations and patterns do not interfere with the learning environment in the classroom and do not contain political, immoral or other language/images that conflict with the mission of the school. As with the school dress code, if you are in doubt, have an extra mask to put on if you are asked to remove it during the day. We ask students to wear masks while in classrooms and hallways. We also suggest students have multiple masks to ensure their masks are clean and safe. Below is a list of facial mask guidelines:

- Mouth and nose are fully covered
- The mask fits snugly around the face and has no gaps
- Make sure you can breathe easily while wearing your mask
- Masks should be tied or secured to prevent slipping
- Avoid touching your face as much as possible. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately before putting on, after touching/adjusting and after removing your mask
- Do not share your mask with anyone else
- Be sure to wash your mask(s) regularly, dry completely and store in a clean container or bag

### **Procedure for a Positive COVID Test**

Students and employees will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact (close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a person for more than 15 minutes unmasked) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or potentially after returning from travel in certain places. Please note that a student or employee should quarantine if someone in their home tests positive for COVID-19.

**Return to School After Exclusion:** Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently guidelines are:

#### *Untested:*

Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following conditions are met:

- No fever for at least 72 hours (three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

#### *Tested Positive- Symptomatic:*

Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- No fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or  
The individual has received two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.

*Tested Positive- Asymptomatic*

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return ten calendar days past a test that verifies the individual is without symptoms and have been preferably released by a healthcare provider.

**Attendance Exceptions: COVID Absence**

Bishop Chatard has the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or are liable to transmit it after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from Bishop Chatard and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6)