



St. Dennis School COVID Plan

As we found out last year, with the proper mitigation and safety procedures we are able to return to full in-person learning successfully. Our emphasis continues to be on the safety of all staff and students at St. Dennis School. Our goal continues to be to keep our students safely in school.

When is someone infectious?

- Someone who *tested positive* is considered to be infectious from two days before symptom onset until they meet all of the following criteria: 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication, other symptoms are improving (but may still be present), and at least 10 days after symptom onset.
- If the individual who *tested positive* does not have symptoms, they are considered to be infectious from two days before the test date until ten days after the test was collected.
- In the event of a positive case, Dane County Health Department works with us to determine safe return to school date.

What is a close contact?

- This will be determined by the school and Madison Dane County Health Department. Determining factors include;
 - If the contacted person is vaccinated or unvaccinated
 - If the person was within 3/6 feet for a combined 15 minutes
 - If the person infected and contacted were wearing a max

What if I am deemed a close contact?

- People who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated should quarantine and get tested immediately after being identified as a close contact. If the test is negative, they should get tested again 5-7 days after last exposure and continue to quarantine. If symptoms develop during quarantine, they should isolate and get tested immediately.
- People who are full vaccinated should get tested 3-5 days after coming into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days or until they test negative. If symptoms develop, they should isolate and get tested immediately.
- People who have had COVID-19 and recovered should wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days after exposure, monitor for symptoms, and consult with a healthcare professional for testing recommendations if they develop new symptoms.

When do I need to stay home from School?

- If you are sick or have a temperature immediately. This includes COVID and non-COVID symptoms.

When can I return to School if I am sick?

- In order to return to school, a student must either be diagnosed with another illness/infection, receive a negative COVID test or symptoms have subsided for the required days (Determined by Health official/school). Students with symptoms but determined by a doctor to be another illness may return to school after 24 hours of being fever free and/or at the recommendation of a doctor.

When do we have to wear our Masks?

- Current Dane County Mandate requires masks at all times when inside a building except when eating or drinking. St. Dennis School continues to follow this rule.

Please remember that this continues to be a fluid situation and requirements are changing by the hour and by the situation. Each situation is at the discretion of the school principal in consult with the Dane County Health Department, CDC, and other local agencies.