



Nouvel Catholic Central Schools

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January 12, 2022

Dear Nouvel Catholic Central Families,

Recently, the Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD), as well as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), updated its COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance for schools. As a result, effective immediately, NCC will revise its isolation and quarantine policies to reflect those changes. A brief summary of those changes are listed below. The full SCHD document is posted on the NCC website and can be found [here](#).

If you test positive/Isolation:

- Isolate for 5 days.
- If your symptoms are resolving and you are fever free without medication, you may end isolation after 5 days.
- Wear a mask for 5 additional days.

Quarantine/Test-to-Stay:

- Need to quarantine will depend on participation in test-to-stay, vaccination and/or booster status, and/or previous COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 90 days. Please see the SCHD document for details related to vaccination status.
- If you need to quarantine:
 - May be as short as 5 days if you are symptom free.
 - Test on day 5. If a student/family chooses to quarantine, the student will be asked to test upon the return to school if less than 10 days from the point of close contact. (This also applies to staff and faculty.)
 - Wear a mask for 10 days from point of contact at school and any school event.
 - If symptoms develop, stay home.
- Test-to-Stay:
 - Although test-to-stay is not referenced in the recent update, SCHD continues to support this program for schools.
 - Students that are considered close contacts, are symptom free, and have submitted a [parental consent form](#), may use test-to-stay rather than quarantine. (Test-to-stay is also available to staff and faculty.)
 - Under the new guidance, close contacts must test daily for at least 5 days from point of contact. If adequate supplies are available, students and staff may voluntarily choose to test for up to 10 days, if desired.
 - Any student or staff member considered a close contact must wear a mask at school and any school event for 10 days from the point of close contact.

If your child is currently considered a close contact, you will receive two points of communication from the school regarding your child's return to school or test-to-stay dates, based on the updated SCHD guidance. An email will be sent today, January 12 and a follow-up phone call will be made within the next 24 hours.

Thank you for your continued support as we work through the temporary period of remote learning. Should a student need access to a building, both buildings will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon on Thursday, January 13 and Friday, January 14. NCCE/MS students should use the main entrance. NCCHS students should use the main entrance/door #1, located on the east side of the building. Please monitor your email late this week for an update regarding our return to in-person learning, scheduled for Monday, January 17. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal.

Respectfully,

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