

Frassati Catholic High School COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures FAQs

- **Will masks be required?**

No, Frassati Catholic **will remain mask optional** for the 2021-22 school year at this time, and **classroom setups will return to normal** spacing. Our mask optional policy both encourages and supports students and families who wish to wear a mask while on campus. If your family is more comfortable on campus wearing a mask please feel free to do so.

We will continue the daily high-quality cleaning routines, and we will continue our quarterly HVAC system service including higher MERV rating filtration.

- **What happens if my student is ill?**

Frassati will continue to ask everyone to use their best judgment, and that if your student becomes sick before coming to school, please keep them home.

If your student becomes visibly ill during the school day, or if they communicate with us that they are ill, parents/guardians will be called to pick their son or daughter up, or you will be notified that we are releasing your student who is of age to drive themselves to and from campus.

- **When can my student return to campus in cases of non-covid illnesses?**

In case of most illnesses, you must be **fever free for 24 hours with improved symptoms before you return to campus.**

Frassati expresses the same deep level of care for the health of our community as our patron, Pier Giorgio Frassati, did for his local community. This concern doesn't just apply to Covid situations, it applies to all potential communicable diseases.

- **Will there be a remote learning option while my student is ill in any scenario?**

While Frassati will not have a remote learning option this year, ***our faculty members are outstanding and understanding***. As in years past, in cases of extended absences due to illness or recovery from surgeries, etc. students have always worked with their teachers to make up lessons and assignments missed while they were out. We encourage you to have your student, as soon as possible, contact their teachers to make those arrangements.

- **What happens if my student tests positive for Covid-19?**

Frassati is an independent Catholic High School, governed by its own Board of Directors. Frassati varies from other Houston schools in both geographic location and experience, and we will continue to make the best decision for our own individual school community. Frassati Catholic will handle each instance on a case-by-case basis. In the event that you let us know that your child has tested positive for COVID-19, we will ask him/her to quarantine for 10 days ***from the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, from the date of the positive test***. Your child may return to classes when this period ends, is fever-free for 24 hours, and symptoms have improved.

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- **Are there exceptions to quarantining?**

- There are a few exceptions to their quarantine:
 - fully vaccinated with no symptoms,
 - those who tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 3 months, or
 - those who test negative, are asymptomatic, and have a doctor's note for an alternative diagnosis.

The Harris County Health Department has also asked all schools in the county to continue to report positive cases on campus.

Again, during the 2021-22 fall semester, ***if Frassati Catholic is informed that a faculty member, staff member, or student has tested positive for Covid-19***, we will require that person to stay home until their symptoms have improved, they've been fever free for 24 hours, and it has been 10 days since the start of symptoms.

If we are made aware that that individual was on campus, we will notify Harris County Health via their reporting form. Name, address, birthdate, and best method of contact is shared with the County Health Department, in addition to symptoms and testing location, per their form requirements. We also complete an anonymous Archdiocesan report used simply to track cases. No personal information is ever shared with the Archdiocese. Harris County will likely still perform their own contact tracing, so you should expect their phone call or email.

We will send a brief notice to our community if there was a positive case on campus, as we would in the case of any serious communicable disease. In that way, anyone who may be concerned or those who are at higher risk will have the ability to monitor their own health and get tested.

- **How do I know if my student came into close contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19?**

Frassati will not be conducting formal contact tracing this year. To maintain the individual's privacy, we will not release the names of the individual who tested positive, and we will not be individually contacting the family of any student who may have been in close contact (ie. in class, common activity, lunch, etc.) with the affected individual. In almost all cases last year, where an individual tested positive, our Administrative Team found that the individual communicated personally with those whom they had come into close contact with. Frassati will continue to encourage this positive honesty, and we will operate on the honor system, believing that our employees and families will do the right thing in a spirit of Christian charity.

- **Will my student have to quarantine if they came into close contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19?**

No, not unless you notify us that your student has also tested positive for Covid-19. If you are concerned that your student might have been in close contact, that he/she is experiencing Covid symptoms, and that you wish to have them quarantine, please contact Dr. Cody Medina c.medina@frassaticatholic.org to report that absence. We then encourage you to have your student reach out to their teachers as soon as possible, to make arrangements for any missed time.

Frassati will not require anyone to quarantine who is vaccinated or who had Covid in the past 3 months. We will not require proof of vaccination.

- **What is the procedure for campus closure?**

If suspected symptomatic cases plus confirmed COVID-19 cases exceed 10% of total enrollment and employees, the campus will close for at least two days to ensure all areas receive additional deep cleaning and sanitization. For the first two days of campus closure there will be no school. If the closure extends beyond the two-day shut down, teachers will begin providing asynchronous lessons to students for the duration of the closure.

The two-day closure will be made up with asynchronous learning days to be taken on one or more of the following dates: October 11, November 22, November 23, December 20

- **In the event of a required shutdown what will asynchronous lessons consist of?**

These lessons may take on various formats such as pre-recorded videos with corresponding assignments, "flipped classroom" lessons with corresponding work or written directions for work to be completed. Teachers will communicate with their students via email and Google Classrooms about the expectations and requirements for each class. Asynchronous lessons provide flexibility for both students and teachers without students having to be tied to a device all day. More specific details will be given by each teacher should a shutdown occur.