

Exclusion and Re-admission Criteria

*Taken from Diocese of Victoria in Texas Catholic Schools COVID-19 School Continuity Plan 2020-2021

St. Michael Catholic School will adhere to the current recommendations from the CDC and Texas DSHS, subject to change.

1. Any employee or student who has any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish, or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 will be immediately isolated and sent home.
2. Employees or students with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above will not be allowed to return to school until:
 - In the case of an employee or student who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work/school when all three of the following criteria are met. (a) at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery; including resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, (b) the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms, e.g., cough, shortness of breath; and (c) at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - In the case of an employee or student who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19. The individual may not return to work/school until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above.
 - If the employee or student has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work/school before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
3. An employee or student with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to work/school until the end of the 10-day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure. Employees may return after seven days of contact only with a negative lab-confirmed COVID-19 test result.

Students who are absent due to following school requirements for fever, symptoms, or quarantine do not accrue absences if they keep up with their class via remote learning while away from campus.

Teacher absences due to following school requirements for fever, symptoms, or quarantine will not count against a teacher's personal days during the 2020 – 2021 school year if the teacher maintains his or her remote classroom.