

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

Attendance Guidelines During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Members of the University of Detroit Jesuit Community,

The COVID-19 pandemic presents evolving challenges. If there is to be a return and continuation of inperson teaching, it will require collaboration and self-responsibility by us all. A reopening plan was developed with the overarching principle being the health of our community while maintaining the school's mission. The plan addressed multiple measures including the use of face coverings, social distancing, and remote learning.

To meet that goal, policies specific to the COVID-19 pandemic have been developed for this academic year concerning absences/returning to school. The policies are based on CDC guidelines and the best information available at this time. As new information is acquired and/or the situation surrounding COVID-19 evolves, it can be assumed these policies will change. The following policies take into consideration multiple factors (i.e. the nature of this novel virus, testing availability, community transmission) in addition to the goal of minimizing the risk of COVID-19 spread while providing in-person instruction.

Each student will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire to enter the building on the days he is physically attending school. The questionnaire must be completed in the morning prior to entering the building.

Failure to complete Daily Health Screening Form:

A student found attending in-person class who failed to complete the daily health screening form will be sent home for the day.

Failed Daily Health Screening (COVID-19 related symptoms):

Students experiencing one (1) or more symptoms listed on the questionnaire will need to stay home. The absence should be reported by selecting the "Failed Health Questionnaire" option found in the Absence link under Quicklinks on the U of D Jesuit website.

A student may return to school when:

1. It has been 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hours without a fever (fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication)

OR

2. It has been determined by a health care provider that a diagnosis other than COVID-19 exists and the student is symptom free

OR

3. A negative COVID-19 test has been obtained and the student is 24 hours. without a fever and respiratory symptoms have improved



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Students having a positive (+) COVID-19 test:

A student with a positive COVID-19 test result should have his absence reported by selecting the "COVID-19 related" option found in the Absence link under Quicklinks on the U of D Jesuit website. This is a confidential reporting mechanism and one can anticipate being contacted by the School Health Professional (or in the case of extenuating circumstances another member of the Student Affairs Office).

A student may return to school (discontinue isolation):

- 1. <u>If experiencing symptoms & positive COVID-19 test-</u>10 days after symptom onset AND at least 24 hrs. without fever (not having used fever-reducing medication AND with improvement of symptoms
- 2. If no symptoms & positive COVID-19 test- 10 days have passed since the (+) test

Student is a close contact of or has a Household member (i.e., parent, sibling, guardian) diagnosed positive (+) for COVID-19:

A student deemed a close/direct contact of an individual with a positive COVID-19 test result should have his absence reported by selecting the "COVID-19 related" option found in the Absence link under Quicklinks on the U of D Jesuit website. This is a confidential reporting mechanism and one can anticipate being contacted by the School Health Professional (or in the case of extenuating circumstances another member of the Student Affairs Office).

A student may return to school (discontinue quarantine):

- 1. If the student <u>avoids further contact</u> with the individual having the positive test result, <u>he</u> <u>can return 14 days after the last day of exposure.</u>
- If the infected individual is a household member (lives with the student), but <u>the student</u> <u>can avoid further close contact- the student can return after a 14 day quarantine that begins</u> <u>on the day the infected individual starts isolation.</u>
- 3. If close contact with the infected individual cannot be avoided or other members of the household become (+), the student may return to school <u>after 24 days (14 days after the individual or other infected members end their isolation).</u>

Classmates of a COVID (+) student/staff: (**Please note this is the working policy for the start of school and will be continually readdressed**)

- 1. It is important to note that the disciplined use of face masks/coverings and social distancing will decrease the need for this group of individuals to quarantine (be absent for 14 days).
- 2. The Department of Public Health will be notified and help determine through contact tracing which individuals will require a 14 day quarantine.
- 3. At a minimum, students in the same classroom, cocurricular, and/or sports team of a student who tests (+) for COVID-19 will be notified of the situation and encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms.



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Students developing COVID-19 like symptoms while at school:

A student who becomes ill at school will be sent to the School Health Professional. The student will be appropriately evaluated, cared for in a specifically designated area, and sent home. A student sent home with COVID-19 like symptoms may return to school if:

1. See criteria for returning to school if a failed screening health questionnaire

International travel or travel to areas within the United States:

- 1. Families are asked to reflect on the necessity of travel during these extraordinary times.
- 2. A student who has traveled to an area deemed to be experiencing a moderate to high degree of community spread of COVID-19 is asked to self-quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school.