



## **Canisius High School COVID-19 FAQ**

***Q: What is the process should a member of the community test positive?***

**A:** When a positive case arises Canisius administration will contact the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) and the ECDOH will begin the process of contact tracing.

All students required to go into quarantine will be notified by the ECDOH. Please note that Canisius has no control nor say about whom may be subject to quarantine.

***Q: When do you need to wear a mask?***

**A:** All students are required to wear a mask when in the classroom and moving around the school. Our mask policy will be enforced at all times by both faculty and administration.

***Q: How will students be organized for lunch? What Social Distancing Protocols will be enforced?***

**A:** Students will be spaced appropriately whether indoors or outdoors. Lunch is served over three (3) periods. During lunch periods where we have a large number of students eating, we have separated students by adding additional seating in the Scaccia Auditorium. All students wishing to make a purchase in the cafeteria will be staggered in their approach to that section of the cafeteria. As always hand sanitizer will be available.

***Q: Will my child be forced to quarantine if they have traveled outside of NYS?***

**A:** Students must quarantine for 14 days before returning to school if they travel to one of the states listed on the Travel Advisory list. Students can attend school online during quarantine if they encounter this scenario.

***Q: What is the flexibility for students being able to learn on campus some days and virtually on other days?***

**A:** Students may enroll into Remote Learning rosters at the beginning of each month. Students who have entered into an ECDOH quarantine will be allowed access to our Remote Learning instruction.

Students who are absent on a more temporary basis will not be permitted to access instruction remotely. For short term absences, students should communicate with teachers via email and Schoology. They should keep up with the work posted by teachers on Schoology.

***Q: Is there a safe place for a student who becomes symptomatic while in school to stay for a temporary quarantine?***

**A:** The Nurse's Office is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Berchmans' Hall. Our quarantine room is adjacent to the Nurse's Office. This room will be used only for those exhibiting symptoms that may be related to COVID-19. Any suspected COVID-19 case will be immediately brought to the isolation room. The School Nurse will contact the student's parent/guardian or emergency contact. Pickup should occur within 45 minutes of contact.

## **Erie County Department of Health COVID-19 FAQs**

***Q: If my son/I am placed in quarantine, and have a negative COVID-19 test, why can't I return to school immediately?***

**A:** The DOH COVID-19 incubation period is 14 days. People exposed to COVID-19 could develop a positive test at any time during that 14 days of exposure. The DOH mandatory 14-day quarantine is designed to break the chain of community transmission and limit the number of people exposed to illness.

***Q: My son has/I have been placed in quarantine. Do I need a COVID-19 test?***

**A:** For those placed in quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure, a test is strongly recommended but not required. ECDOH free diagnostic test sites, currently offered three times a week, are a testing option and results may take 3-5 days to be available. Call (716) 858-2929 to schedule a diagnostic test through our regular sample collection sites. For other COVID-19 testing options in the community, visit [www.erie.gov/covidtestsites](http://www.erie.gov/covidtestsites)

***Q: If one student has to quarantine due to an exposure can their siblings remain in school?***

**A:** Siblings and other household members of an individual who has been placed in quarantine may continue their normal activities, including school and work. Individuals in quarantine should remain alone in one room of the house with the door closed, with a separate bathroom if possible, along with following recommendations that a contact tracer will provide.

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