



## **Xavier's COVID Protocols and Procedures**

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This document is intended as a resource for Xavier families and students. The Xavier System reserves the right to adjust these protocols and procedures as needed.

### **Xavier's Mission**

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System is a Christ-centered community dedicated to faith formation, academic excellence, community engagement, and individual growth of our students in a safe environment.

### **Xavier's COVID Protocols & Procedures: Our Goals**

1. To protect the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health of students, families and staff
2. To ensure our young people feel safe, valued and loved
3. To support our parents by providing high quality, faith-based education
4. To maximize student participation in a wide variety of programs and activities

### **Strategies to Decrease Impact of COVID-19 in Our Schools**

COVID-19 has elevated the awareness of the importance of infection prevention and control across our campuses. The basics of infection prevention include:

- Staying home (not coming to school or work) when you are ill (and seeking medical attention when necessary)
- Cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, materials, and surfaces
- Providing good ventilation and air flow
- Washing hands and using good cough etiquette (using hand sanitizer if water is not available and covering your cough)
- Vaccination against vaccine preventable illnesses

## For Students:

Families should follow the campus guidelines for reporting students absences. In general, students should not attend school when ill. Families should consult with medical professionals when a student is ill.

To assist families in determining appropriate measures to address the spread of COVID-19, we encourage families to use the [CDC's Quarantine and Isolation Calculator](#).

## Masks Policy

Masks are not required for students, employees and/or guests at our Xavier campuses.

## Positive COVID-19 Cases in Our Schools

System and school leaders will closely monitor student and staff absences at our campuses.

## Vaccinations

We encourage all families to talk with their primary care provider about vaccinations. In addition, we encourage families to review the [USCCB's Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

For vaccination locations, please visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and flexibility in compliance with these protocols as well as for your confidence and ongoing support of the Xavier System.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus principal and/or:

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