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COVID Protocol for 22-23 School Year



Prevention Strategies

- Staying home when sick remains one of the most important prevention strategies. If you test positive for COVID-19, follow the procedure [here](#). Students who are sick at school will be sent home.
- Chiaravalle continues to promote staying up to date on vaccination for COVID-19. To find out if your student is up to date you can check the [CDC's website](#).
- Chiaravalle is equipped with high performance ventilation, using UVGI [ultraviolet germicidal irradiation], and bipolar ionization in the HVAC system throughout the school. The Middle School building uses multiple units that employ advanced oxidation technology and HEPA air purifiers for enhanced ventilation.
- Handwashing is promoted throughout the day and at key times such as before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after recess.
- Chiaravalle continues to utilize outdoor spaces for learning and mixing larger groups as possible.

COVID Community Risk Level Based Prevention Strategies

Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
Increased ventilation and air filtration	All prevention strategies from Low Risk	All prevention strategies from Low Risk
Weekly COVID Dashboard updates	Enhanced daily cleaning and disinfection	PCR Saliva testing (through at-home kits)
Hand sanitizer available throughout the school		Possible limitations on cohort mixing
Available KN95 masks for staff	Mitigation strategies that Chiaravalle may add in Medium or High Risk	
Available disposable masks for students	Water bottle fillers available, water fountains turned off	
Staying home when sick or symptomatic	Masking optional or recommended	
Promotion of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette		
Encouraging up-to-date vaccination for all eligible staff and students		
Masking optional		

To find out what community risk level Chiaravalle is currently at, please see our [COVID Dashboard](#) (updated weekly on Fridays)

In times when masks are optional or recommended, the school community will respect and support others' choices.

Mask during the following times:

- If you are returning from isolation on days 6 through 10
- When you have been exposed to a positive case on days 0-10
- When an outbreak has been identified in your classroom, program level, or throughout the school
- When mandated by the local or state government

You will be notified by the school nurse if you are required to mask.

Information about [correct and consistent mask wearing](#), as well as [types of quality masks](#) can be found here.

- Families are encouraged to test students at home before returning to school from extended breaks such as the following:

- August 29, 2022 - First day of school
- November 28, 2022 - Thanksgiving break
- January 9, 2023 - Winter break
- April 10, 2023 - Spring break



Testing

Free tests are available to families from the government and can be ordered at [this link \(www.covid.org/tests\)](https://www.covid.org/tests). Additionally, you can find free testing sites near you at [this link](#).

- Diagnostic rapid-testing is currently available at school for students who become symptomatic and who have given consent to be tested. To consent to your child being tested at school, fill out [this form](#) and return it to covid@chiaravalle.org.
- Screening testing, like the weekly PCR testing conducted last year and the Test to Stay program, is no longer recommended by the CDC and will not be performed this year. Families are still encouraged to test after exposure.
- Testing is required on a weekly basis for faculty/staff who are not up to date on vaccination.



If You Test Positive for COVID-19

- If your student has COVID-19 symptoms, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, stay home. We recommend that you take a COVID-19 test.
- If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19:
 - The case should be reported to the school nurse.
 - The school nurse will help determine the individual's day 0 and give next steps.
 - The individual must stay home for days 0 to 5, and may return on day 6 with a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test.
 - If the individual is still testing positive, they should continue to isolate and communicate with the school nurse for next steps to return.
- If a household member has tested positive, everyone in the household is considered a close contact and should mask from day 0 to 10 and test on day 6.



Notifications

The school nurse will notify your family via email in the following situations:

- Your student was exposed to COVID-19 at school
- An outbreak in your student's classroom or program level has been identified