Over the past several years, Shattuck-St. Mary’s has been committed to keeping our students safe through the pandemic. We have been working hard to continuously adapt our policies and procedures to best allow our students to thrive on campus and within the community while also maintaining their health and safety in the face of new COVID-19 variants and changing recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the CDC. With that in mind, we have again updated our COVID-19 policies for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note, these policies apply to all students regardless of their vaccination status.

2023-24 COVID-19 Policies

1. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will enter into a modified form of isolation, in some cases in their own dorm. Isolation dates are calculated based on the testing date and/or the date the symptoms first appeared. If students have not reported symptoms to the health services team in a reasonable amount of time before receiving a positive test result, their dates will be calculated based only on their test date. This decision will be made solely by nursing discretion.
   • After 5 days in their modified isolation, a member of the health services team will evaluate the student and assess whether they are significantly improved enough to be released.
   • Students whose symptoms are not improving or are worsening after 5 days will remain in isolation until their symptoms have resolved and the health services team has cleared them for return.
   • Once released, students may be asked to wear a mask for up to an additional 5 days. This mask-wearing will be a requirement for the student’s release and will be given based on nursing discretion.
   • If possible, we ask that parents take their child(ren) home for the duration of their isolation period.

2. A positive student’s roommate(s) will be automatically assessed by a member of the health services team upon learning of a positive result in the dorm.
   • Other students may also be automatically assessed based on contact tracing completed by the school. This includes, but is not limited to, the student’s significant other, teammates, and close friends.
   • These assessments may or may not include a rapid COVID test.
   • Students identified as close contacts will NOT be automatically quarantined or isolated.

3. Students who are asked to test by the health services team and decline may be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days.

4. These policies are subject to change as necessary in the event of a large outbreak on campus, in the community, or due to considerable changes to the current recommendations.

Isolation Locations

Overnight and weekend isolation locations will be determined based on room availability in each dorm. In some cases, students will be allowed to remain in their own rooms. During the weekday, COVID-positive students will rest at Kramer House. In the event of a large outbreak, separate isolation wings of our dorms may be opened and staffed.

It is important to note that the School’s determinations are final; we are managing several hundred students and several positive or presumed cases at any given time. We ask that you understand our focus is on keeping both the individual student and the community as healthy and safe as we can. We appreciate your continued support, patience, and understanding as we continue to keep Shattuck-St. Mary’s School moving forward.