

St. Martin Parish COVID-19 Guidelines- April 2024
Updated to match new CDC guidelines

<u>Face Coverings</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face coverings are optional on school campuses.
<u>Symptoms/Fever</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-pandemic school exclusion policies will be followed per district policy JGCC
<u>Positive COVID cases</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All positive cases should be reported to the School Based Health Center for students and Human Resources for staff. ● Updated Respiratory Virus Guidance recommends that people stay home and away from others until at least 24 hours after both their symptoms are getting better overall, and fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note that depending on the length of symptoms, this period could be shorter, the same, or longer than the previous guidance for COVID-19(5 days). ● It is important to note that the guidance doesn't end with staying home and away from others when sick. The guidance encourages added precaution over the next five days after time at home, away from others, is over. Since some people remain contagious beyond the "stay-at-home" period, a period of added precaution using prevention strategies, such as taking more steps for cleaner air, enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, keeping a distance from others, and/or getting tested for respiratory viruses can lower the chance of spreading respiratory viruses to others.
<u>Absences</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An excused absence will be entered when a doctor's excuse is provided confirming a positive COVID case. ● Home COVID tests will be excused for students if a picture of the positive is provided. ● The parent's choice to quarantine without a documented positive case will not be an excused absence unless the student has been quarantined by a physician as documented by a doctor's excuse. ● Those with COVID will be coded •66 – medical quarantine, then U071 – for positive Covid – 19 case

**Individuals
exposed to
COVID-19**

- If a student quarantines after an exposure, the absence will be excused only with a doctor's excuse.
- The Webpams code is *66
- Staff who quarantine after an exposure must use their sick days.
- If any exposed individual tests positive, see directions for positive cases above.