

COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risks

We, the parent(s) and student, acknowledge and agree that, as a student at St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish and as parent(s) of that student, entering in the school or being on the premises, having personal contact with teachers, classmates, and other St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish staff, involves a certain degree of risk, namely of parent(s) and/or student acquiring a communicable disease, including COVID-19, and then potentially passing it on to others, including family members. Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, the characteristics of the virus, and the close proximity of students, teachers, and staff at St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish, there is an elevated risk of student contracting the disease simply by being in the building, on the premises, or at any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function. The same is true for parent(s) of a student at St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish. By signing this Handbook below, we acknowledge and agree that after carefully considering the risks involved, and having the opportunity to discuss these risks with any healthcare professional(s) of our choosing, we voluntarily and willingly accept those risks and acknowledge that returning to in-person classes and other in-person St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish functions is the choice of each family, including ours. If student or parent(s) who visit St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish have underlying health concerns which may place them at greater risk of contracting any communicable disease, including COVID-19, we acknowledge and agree that we will consult with a health care professional before student or parent(s) return to St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish, attend any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function, or visit St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish. Moreover, we acknowledge that while adherence to safety and precautionary measures (e.g., social distancing guidelines, facemasks, handwashing, etc.) may reduce possible exposure to the risk of contracting a communicable disease, the possibility of serious illness and death remains. We do hereby accept and assume sole responsibility for any illness acquired by student or parent(s) while at St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish or any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function, including possible infection with COVID-19. We further acknowledge, understand, and agree that we have obligations to St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish, its faculty, students, and others to take certain precautions and make certain disclosures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Specifically, we agree that neither student nor parent(s) will come to St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish or attend any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function in person, if in the 14 days prior to coming to St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish or any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function, student or parent(s) has had any of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 °F or higher (intermittent or constant), chills, new muscle pains or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, or gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. This does not apply if these symptoms have been affirmatively diagnosed by a healthcare provider as being caused by some non-contagious illness or condition. In such case, we agree to obtain supporting documentation from our healthcare provider and share such documentation with St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish. Additionally, we agree that neither student nor parent(s) will come to St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish or any St. John XXIII Catholic School and Holy Family Parish function if in the last 14 days, student or parent(s) has had prolonged (more than 10 minutes) close contact (within 6 feet) with anyone, including a family member, diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.