



Loretto Catholic School

Educating for Life with the Mind and Heart of Christ

Dear School Community,

We want to bring you up to date on several COVID-19 policy changes that happened over winter break.

On December 21, 2021, the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopted resolution [2021-87](#), which mandates face coverings for all indoor spaces in which 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. You can read more about the face covering guidance at www.pima.gov/maskupPC.

On December 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shortened the quarantine and isolation periods for the general population. As a reminder, quarantine is for people who have been exposed to someone who is positive for COVID-19, and isolation is for people who test positive for COVID-19. This new guidance also updates the definition of "fully vaccinated." Below is an outline of these updates:

If you test positive for COVID-19 (Isolate) -- applies to everyone, regardless of vaccination status

1. Stay home for 5 days.
2. If you have no symptoms, or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
3. Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
4. If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

If you have been boosted **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the past six months **OR** completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the past 2 months:

1. Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
2. Test on day 5, if possible.
3. If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

If you completed the primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted **OR** are unvaccinated:

1. Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
2. Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
3. Test on day 5 if possible.
4. If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.

You can review the full CDC statement on their website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>.

We appreciate your teamwork in helping to keep our school community safe, healthy, and in school.

Sincerely,