



St. Alphonsus Parish School
School Plan 2021-2022, Updated: January 7, 2022

MODALITY

St. Alphonsus Parish School will resume an in-person learning model. The school will not be supporting a remote or hybrid learning environment unless local health conditions dictate a shift in modalities.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND ON-GOING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Continue to assess the most current guidelines and update this plan accordingly.
- Maintain full commitment to three guiding principles throughout the planning and reopening process:
 - Prioritizing the health and safety of our students, staff and community
 - Emphasizing the importance of an in-person St. Alphonsus Community experience
 - Ensuring the continuity of student learning and growth

SOURCE OF GUIDANCE

Our School Plan is informed by the WA State Department of Health and the Office of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Office of Catholic Schools assists area schools in interpreting the state guidelines, which are always subject to change.

Health & Safety Guidelines

VACCINATION

Vaccination can provide an additional safeguard against the spread of COVID and potential school impacts. Student vaccination is **not** mandated for school enrollment at this time. Per Governor Inslee's order on August 18, all faculty, staff, coaches, and volunteers are required to be vaccinated.

PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED

Students: A copy of the student's vaccination card must be submitted via email to the [Main Office](#). Verbal attestation for vaccination is not acceptable.

Volunteers: Any school volunteer (access to students) is also **required** to submit proof of vaccination to the [Main Office](#). All volunteers must follow the COVID health and safety protocols of the school.

FULLY VACCINATED DEFINITION

You are considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after you have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna)
or
- Two weeks after you have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen)

TRAVEL

Please refer to the [WA Department of Health](#) for safety recommendations before, during, and after travel. The school will not provide remote learning for families who choose to travel.

MASKS

Indoors: All students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are required to wear a mask when indoors on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Gaiters, scarves, bandanas are not permitted. Masks should only be removed while eating. Masks must be removed for 2-4 year olds during naps. Students and staff must wear masks indoors during PE classes. Students who intentionally do not adhere to the school mask policy will be referred to the Principal for disciplinary action.

Outdoors: Given the recent surge in COVID cases and our commitment to provide sustained in-person learning, **masks will be required outdoors for all students, regardless of vaccination status.**

REQUIRED REPORTING POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19

If a student or member of their household tests positive for COVID-19, families must notify the [Main Office](#) and follow the quarantine/isolation protocols (see below) for returning to campus and participating in school-sponsored activities. This information will remain confidential and allow the school to initiate its communication protocols. In the event of a positive case in our student body or staff, St. Alphonsus will communicate to all families and staff. Students and staff identified as close contacts will also be notified.

CLOSE CONTACT WITH CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

A close contact is someone who was within six feet of a person with COVID-19 for at least 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period during the period of time when the person with COVID-19 was infectious. A person is contagious with COVID-19 starting two days before they have symptoms (or if asymptomatic, two days before they test positive for SARS-CoV-2) and through the end of their isolation period.

In a K-12 indoor classroom, the close contact definition excludes students who were at least three feet away from an infected student when (a) both students were wearing face coverings/masks and (b)

other prevention strategies were in place. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

The ultimate determination of close contact is made by the local health jurisdiction during its investigation; it may delegate this determination if appropriate.

Students and families identified by local health officials as a close contact to a confirmed case are also to notify the Main Office and follow the quarantine/isolation protocols (see below) for returning to campus and participating in school-sponsored activities. St. Alphonsus will communicate with impacted students and families regarding procedures for returning to school and school-sponsored activities.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time in case they were infected and are contagious.

Students, teachers, and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 need to quarantine for at least 5 days after their last close contact if they are in any one of the following groups:

- Ages 18 or older and completed the primary series of recommended vaccine, but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
- They received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine (completing the primary series) over 2 months ago and have not received a recommended booster shot.
- They are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.

Students, teachers, and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they are in any one of the following groups:

- Ages 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.
- Ages 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

ISOLATION

All people with COVID-19 (with or without symptoms) need to isolate for at least 5 days.

For students, teachers, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and never develop symptoms:

- Isolate for at least 5 days. Day 0 is the day of the positive COVID-19 test and day 1 is the first full day after the specimen was collected for the positive test.
- If they continue to have no symptoms, they can end isolation after at least 5 days, but must continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days. This applies to anyone with COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status.
- If they develop symptoms after testing positive, the 5-day isolation period should start over. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms.

For students teachers and staff who have COVID-19 and have or had symptoms:

- They can end isolation after 5 days if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

- If the person meets these criteria, they can return to school after 5 days of isolation, but must continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days. This applies to anyone with COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status.
- If they continue to have a fever or other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, they should wait to end isolation until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

For additional information on the updated Quarantine and Isolation guidance, please visit the [CDC FAQ](#).

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION REGARDING POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

St. Alphonsus will communicate to all families if there is a positive COVID-19 case among students or staff. Names of individuals are kept confidential.

OUTBREAKS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

A COVID-19 outbreak in a school is considered when the following have been met:

1. At least 10% of class/group
OR
2. There are three or more COVID-19 cases among students or staff.
AND
 - The cases have a symptom onset or positive test result within a 14-day period of each other.
 - The cases are epidemiologically linked.
 - The cases do not share a household.
 - The cases are not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during the investigation.

The school will adhere to the guidance of our local public health officials in the event of an outbreak in a classroom or the school. If such a case arises, the school may be required to ask a specific classroom, grade-level, division, or entire school to quarantine to limit the spread of and possible exposure to COVID-19.

LUNCH

During lunch, the distance between students will be maximized to the degree possible (3-6 feet). We intend to have students eat in the cafeteria, but lunch may occur outside or in other designated places on campus. Tables will be sanitized between groups.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND CLASSROOM SEATING

While on campus, all members of the St. Alphonsus community must practice physical distancing. Student desks will be arranged so 3 feet of distance is maintained to the degree possible.

DAILY SCHEDULE

School begins promptly at 8:30am each day and dismisses at 3:05pm, except for Wednesdays when school ends at 2:15pm for staff professional development. Students should not arrive at the playground or school campus prior to 8:10am. Parents/guardians are requested to pick up their children by 3:15pm,

unless they are participating in an after-school activity. At this time, parents/guardians are not allowed to wait inside the building to pick up students. Please refer to our website for the [parking flow map](#).

HEALTH ATTESTATION

Daily health attestation and temperature checks are not required at this time. Families are encouraged to take their students' temperatures at home before coming to school.

COHORTING

Cohorting by class is not required indoors or outdoors.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching the face, and follow other CDC recommendations for good hygiene.

STAY HOME IF SICK

St. Alphonsus requires all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to stay home if they are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

ISOLATION ROOM

Anyone on campus who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will be directed to the Main Office and placed in an isolation room until they can safely leave campus. Parents will be notified immediately if their student is displaying symptoms of COVID-19. If a student needs to be picked up from school, parents are expected to do so in a timely manner.

VISITORS

All visitors are required to check in at the Main Office to meet their host, and to follow the COVID health and safety protocols of the school.

SEATING CHART

Teachers are required to have a fixed seating chart and submit it to the Principal. Exceptions may include P.E. and Library, where students maintain physical distancing but are not seated.

SHARED OBJECTS

Students should exercise caution when sharing their devices or other school supplies with other students.

VENTILATION

To improve ventilation, teachers will teach their classes with a window and classroom door open. Students should be prepared for cooler temperatures.

FACILITIES AND CLEANING PROCEDURES

The school will continue with increased cleaning protocols as outlined by the WA State Department of Health. All common spaces throughout the building will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. Sanitizing wipes and cleaner will be available in each classroom for students and teachers to sanitize their spaces if they would like.

EXTENDED CARE

Please complete this [SURVEY](#) if you intend to use extended care for 2021-2022. With the current guidance available, we intend to offer extended care for students in preschool-6th grade until 6pm on Monday-Friday. At this time, morning extended care will not be offered. Extended care will not be offered on holidays or days with an early release (noon dismissal). With uncertainty due to COVID, it is highly unlikely we will be able to accept walk-in or same day bookings for extended care. Therefore, if you are interested, please be sure to complete this survey so we can plan accordingly.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CLUBS, FIELD TRIPS, ETC.)

Students, teachers, and support staff must follow all requirements within this document when participating in school-sponsored activities, contests, shows, etc., even if not in a classroom setting.