2022-23 COVID-19 Protocol

Faith Academy students, faculty and staff will be sent home if any of the following symptoms that the CDC has recognized to be consistent with COVID-19 are present:

- Fever, chills or sweats
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Covid testing:

If tested, students/staff and household members must stay home between the time of testing and when results are available.

- If COVID-19 test is POSITIVE(+) and the individual is symptomatic, stay home until afebrile for 3 days AND respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) AND 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Students can return to school but must wear a mask for 5 days, to total 10 days from the start of symptoms. Negative test not required to return to school.(Siblings and household members have to stay home also.)
- If COVID-19 test is POSITIVE(+) and the individual is asymptomatic, stay home until 5 days have passed since the positive test. Students will need to wear a mask for 5 days to total 10 days from the start of symptoms. Negative test not required to return to school. (Siblings and household members have to stay home also.)
- If COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE(-) and the individual is symptomatic, stay home until afebrile for 3 days and other symptoms have improved OR 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. (Siblings and household members will need to stay home if the doctor suspects COVID-19.)
- If COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE(-) and the individual is asymptomatic, and not exposed to someone that tested positive recently the individual may return to school.

CLOSE CONTACT TO COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL

The CDC definition of a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period within the 2 days before the case

became symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19 or during the 10 days following symptom onset or testing positive.

Close contacts to COVID-19 + individuals should quarantine for 5 days then wear a mask for 5 days, unless they meet exclusion criteria.

- Testing is recommended if symptoms develop.
- If symptoms present, quarantine will start over and be 5 days from the start of symptoms then wear a mask for 5 days to equal 10 days.
- If an asymptomatic individual wants to be tested, it is recommended to wait 5-7 days after exposure.
- An individual who presents with COVID symptoms without test and has history of exposure, they will need to stay home until afebrile for 3 days AND respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) AND 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. They will need to wear a mask for 5 days after completing a 5 day quarantine. Negative test not required to return to school.

COVID-19 Close Contacts Exclusion Criteria**:**

- Student /staff that is fully vaccinated (> 2 weeks post second shot) and asymptomatic.(Will still need to wear mask, monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms start)
- Student/staff tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months.(Will still need to wear mask, monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms start)
- In the K-12 indoor classroom setting the close contact definition **excludes** students/staff who were at least 3 feet or more away from the infected student **if:**
    - both parties were consistently and correctly wearing a well fitted mask; and
    - Other K-12 school prevention strategies were in place such as universal mask use, physical distancing and increased ventilation.

Faith Academy reserves the right to evaluate any/all cases on an individual basis and make adjustments to protocol as needed.