

**Archdiocese of Louisville – COVID-19 Response Protocol/Decision Aid**  
**Guidance for Employee and Student Illness as of 8/9/2021**

**COVID-19 Symptoms:** At least two of the following symptoms: fever (100.4 or higher), chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose

**OR**

At least one of the following symptoms: uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell

**INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS SYMPTOMS:**

If an individual experiences one of the above symptoms, he/she immediately must go home and notify health care provider. The person will be allowed back to work/school when the following guidelines are met:

Vaccinated or unvaccinated individual who tests

**NEGATIVE:**

- Proof of negative test result or physician statement **AND**
- No fever for at least 24 hours (without use of medication) **AND**
- No COVID-19 related symptoms

\* If symptoms develop, individual may return 24 hours after symptoms subside (without the use of medication) **as long as** the individual has not been exposed to someone with Covid-19

Individuals who **DO NOT** get tested for COVID-19 **AND** have not been exposed to someone with Covid-19, may return to school/work 24 hours after symptoms subside (without the use of medication)

Vaccinated or unvaccinated individual who tests **POSITIVE:**

- At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared and has been released by the health department\* **AND**
- No fever for at least 24 hours (3 days without use of medication) **AND**
- Other symptoms have improved

**INDIVIDUAL HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, BUT IS ASYMPTOMATIC**

- No symptoms but tested **POSITIVE** for COVID-19
- May return when 10 calendar days have passed without symptoms **AND** have been released by the local health department to return\*

*\* Will be released from health department when the criteria is met; some individuals will require a longer self-isolation period based on illness severity and underlying medical conditions.*

**INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A PERSON WITH COVID-19**

If identified as a **CLOSE CONTACT\***

- Self-isolate/quarantine as directed by contact tracer
- Monitor health

\* A **Close Contact** is defined as:

- Being within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes with someone who has COVID-19 **OR**  
*(The close contact definition excludes students who were at least ≥ 3 feet away from an infected student if both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks.)*
- Someone who provided care at home to someone sick with COVID-19 **OR**
- Someone who had direct physical contact with the person **OR**
- Someone who shared eating or drinking utensils with the person

If a person **was not determined** to be a **Close Contact**, he/she can return to school/workplace.

Self-isolation and quarantine have been met when:

- **Unvaccinated individual**

- 1) Local health department releases individual **OR**
- 2) After Day 7 if individual is symptom-free and receives a negative test 5 days or later after the last date of exposure **OR**
- 3) After Day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom free

- **Vaccinated individual** does not need to quarantine if he/she is not experiencing symptoms

- An **individual who had Covid-19 in the last three months** does not need to quarantine if he/she is not experiencing symptoms