



COVID ADDENDUM: GUIDELINES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2022-23 school year, we will be following the CDC guidelines and the protocol listed below.

We promote the importance of being [up to date with vaccinations](#) to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. Protection provided by the current vaccine against symptomatic infection and transmission is less than that against severe disease and diminishes over time, especially against the currently circulating variants. For this reason, it is important to stay up to date, especially as new vaccines become available.

Please send a copy of your child's vaccination card in if they have been newly vaccinated or their vaccination has been updated since you last handed it in.

Visitors that are working with students in any capacity must show proof of vaccination until further notice.

Visitor entrance into our buildings will be limited during high-transmission COVID times.

Exposure

- If your child has been **exposed** to COVID-19, you must wear a high-quality mask in school at all times (except for eating lunch) for 10 days and get tested on day 5. You will be required to use a shield at lunch. You have the option of quarantining at home until getting tested on day 5. Test results should be sent into the nurse's office. If you are positive on day 5, please follow the Infected with COVID Guides.

Infected With COVID

- Regardless of vaccination status, if your child tests positive for COVID-19, you must remain home and isolate from others **for 5 full days. Day 1 begins with the day they tested positive.** (If you test positive for COVID-19, you stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask when you must be around others at home and in public.)

When Can I Return to School?

If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and your symptoms are improving, you tested negative, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5 and return to school. You must wear a high-quality mask in school until day 10 when you return to school. If you test, please send a copy via email to the school nurse.

- You will need to use a shield to eat in the lunchroom until day 10.
- You have the option of remaining home for ten days if you test positive.

There is no virtual learning offered during time home for being exposed or positive with COVID-19. Students may get work from their teachers to remain current with their studies and homework.

These guides are subject to change at any time that there is a county, state, class, or school high transmission period in order to protect our school community. If the Union County Health Department or CDC make changes during high transmission times during the school year, we will send out a new addendum.

Our school nurse is Mrs. Marissa Rosenthal. Please direct COVID related questions to her through her email at: mrosenthal@stbacademy.org or call the school office at 908-322-4265.

Thank you and God bless,

Ms. Harrigan, Principal and Mrs. Rosenthal, School Nurse