

This document outlines and summarizes the All Saints Catholic School as well as the Diocese of Green Bay guidelines for school opening based on evidence and guidance from the Department of Public Instruction, CDC, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services. While we cannot conceive of every possible situation, this document provides guidelines for All Saints Catholic School.

While All Saints Catholic School is not removed from the possible risks of infection due to COVID-19, careful and thoughtful planning and precautionary measures will help in protecting staff and students, while mitigating risk to the community.

Hygiene and Cleanliness

1. Adequate personnel will be hired at ASCS to clean after school hours.
 - a. Faculty and staff members will assist in helping clean their classrooms and other areas of the building during the day.
2. All employees and students will wash or sanitize their hands as appropriate. Hands should be scrubbed with soap for twenty or more seconds.
3. Hand sanitizers and/or wipes will be readily available in all classrooms and common areas.
 - a. Adults will make certain younger students are using these properly.
 - a.i. The high alcohol content of hand sanitizers means younger students cannot be licking or chewing on their hands.
 - b. If a student, teacher, or aide leaves a classroom, he or she needs to sanitize their hands when reentering the classroom if they have not already done so.
4. Classroom teachers should consider evaluating the way students are sent to the restroom to limit the number of people in the small space at once.
5. High touch areas will be cleaned at least two times a day - railings/doorknobs/etc.
6. ASCS employees will limit physical contact with students and other staff. (no handshakes, high fives, fist bumps etc.).
7. Students will be instructed to do their best to always cough or sneeze into a tissue (discarded) or their elbow. At all times, this will be modeled well by ASCS employees.
8. Students will be instructed on proper hygiene of blowing nose or coughing. The student should discard the used tissue and wash or sanitize their hands. Adults working at ASCS will model this practice.
9. Appropriate sanitary methods will be posted at ASCS for the students to have a visual reference on how to stop the spread of germs.
- 10. At the present time, masks will be optional of all students and staff members at All Saints Catholic School.**
 - a. Mask guidelines will be developed as more information is provided by appropriate state and local authorities.
11. Desk barriers will be provided for all ASCS students in the classrooms.

New Procedures and Guidelines

1. A student or employee who is diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive documented permission from a medical doctor to return to school.
 - a. Administration and faculty will make accommodations and work with students and employees who are unable to come to the school building.
 - b. Confidentiality will be maintained to protect staff and students' health information in all school records (Powerschool, etc).
2. Masks
 - a. **At the present time, while masks will be strongly encouraged for students and staff members not currently vaccinated, the use of masks at All Saints Catholic School will be optional for students and staff for the 2021-2022 school year.**
 - b. **In areas where there is student density and close contact in excess of 15 minutes (i.e. student assembly) students and staff members will be asked to wear masks that cover the nose and mouth.**
 - c. ASCS will have a supply of disposable masks available for students/staff members who choose to wear one.
 - d. **Students will continue to be in a singular cohort group (for example, the first-grade**

class will always be together each day and will not be interacting with other grades) as much as possible through the school day. As a result, they will have the option of wearing masks in the classroom.

- e. **ASCS will require masks if All Saints Catholic School has over 10% of the student body with a positive COVID-19 test. ASCS will continue to require masks until ASCS achieves an infection rate of less than 5%.**

3. Social distancing will be practiced by adults and encouraged among students.

- a. ASCS staff members will discuss with students the idea of personal space or each person's circle of grace.
- b. Where possible, classrooms will be arranged to allow students to socially distance themselves.
- c. Recess and lunch hours will be staggered as needed.

* 4K will establish its own recess times in the morning and afternoon.

* 5K and 3rd grade will have recess from 9:15-9:35 AM and 1:00-1:20 PM

* 1st and 4th grade will have recess from 9:45-10:05 AM and 1:30-1:50 PM

* 2nd and 5th grade will have recess from 10:15-10:35 AM and 2:00-2:20 PM

* Grades 6-8 will have recess from 12:30-12:55 PM

- d. ASCS will establish controlled entrances and exits as needed.

* 4K students will enter and exit through door #5.

* K-2 students will enter and exit through door #1.

* 3-5 students will enter and exit through door #2.

* 6-8 students will enter and exit through door #6.

- e. Students will be allowed in the building immediately upon being dropped off (7:40-8:00 AM).
- f. Staggered dismissal times at the end of the day will take place to limit traffic in the hallway.

* K, 3, 6 Dismissal: 2:52 PM

* 1, 4, 7 Dismissal: 2:55 PM

* 2, 5, 8 Dismissal: 2:58 PM

* 4K Dismissal: 3:00 PM

* Bus Students Dismissal: 3:05 PM

- g. ASCS encourages teachers to face their desks in the same direction of the students (rather than facing students) to reduce transmission.
- h. Using arrows on the drop-down ceiling, students will follow specific "foot traffic" patterns when walking in the hallway. Students will move in one direction on one side of the hallway and the other direction on the other side of the hallway.
- i. There will be a limit of three students (5K-2) and two students (3-8) in the assigned bathrooms at a time. 4K will use their own classroom bathroom. K-2 students will utilize the main hallway bathrooms. 3-5 students will utilize the lobby bathrooms. 6-8 students will utilize the locker room bathrooms.
- j. All office related items will be conducted through the window in the main lobby area.
- k. The students and staff will no longer say morning prayer as a school in the gymnasium each day.
- l. Entire school masses will no longer be held. Instead, students will attend masses in smaller grade bands on the following days. Each grade band will be properly spaced out at St. John Church.

* Grades 4K-2: Monday (8:15 AM)

* Grades 3-5: Wednesday (8:15 AM)

* Grades 6-8: Thursday (8:15 AM)

4. ASCS will limit people visiting the school to essential education experiences or vital business.
 - a. All visitors (including parents) must wear a mask while in the building.
5. While sharing of items will be discouraged, ASCS will have its students sanitize their hands when sharing books, materials, or equipment. For example, a student in music class cannot share drum mallets with another student until the mallets have been sanitized.
6. Breakfast and/or Lunch
 - a. Students will wash or sanitize hands before and after breakfast and/or lunch.
 - b. Students will be socially distanced in line.
 - c. Food will be served by two designated individuals. Students will not serve themselves. Those serving will wear masks and gloves.
 - d. Students will no longer be taking their own tray, napkin, or utensils. This will be done by ASCS kitchen personnel in advance.
 - e. **Students will no longer eat in their classrooms. Instead, lunch serving times will increase to four, and only two (instead of three) classes will eat lunch in the cafeteria at a time. ASCS will purchase two additional tables to allow for proper social distancing in the cafeteria.**
 - f. ASCS will avoid using shared salt and pepper shakers, water pitchers, condiments, etc.
7. Playgrounds/Recess
 - a. ASCS will encourage games that do not involve proximity or contact.
 - b. ASCS will encourage playground equipment for individual use that can be easily disinfected after each use.
 - c. The playground equipment shed (and the supplies) will not be available for student use during the 2021-2022 school year.
 - d. Each grade will be assigned specific playground areas when out at the same time for recess. For example, when the first grade and fourth grade are out at recess at the same time, each grade will be assigned a specific area to utilize. The grades will not play together in the same area.
8. ASCS has developed procedures to limit the number of students passing in a hallway.
 - a. The middle school students will alternate their dismissals at the ends of classes to limit the number of students exchanging classes at the same time.
 - b. Staggered dismissal times at the end of the day will take place to limit traffic in the hallway.
 - c. The hallways will be split in half so that students move in one direction on one side of the hall and the other direction on the other side of the hall.
 - d. The gymnasium will be utilized as a pathway for middle school students to go to and from the locker room bathroom(s) and the cafeteria. It will also be used for elementary students to go to and from the music classroom.
 - e. Middle school students will not return to their locker(s) after each class, but instead will have their supplies/books with them (backpack) in each class.
9. ASCS will limit people visiting the school when it comes to essential education experiences or vital business. For example:
 - a. Parent-teacher conferences will be conducted through an online option this fall.
10. Ventilation
 - a. **ASCS installed a new ventilation system to each of the heating units on the roof of ASCS during the spring of the 2020-2021 school year. ASCS will check and clean the units as appropriate throughout the school year.**

Mass

The Holy Eucharist is the summit of our Catholic Faith. All Masses through the Green Bay Diocese have resumed, and Bishop Ricken and the Diocese have offered clergy and pastoral leaders directives/guidance on how to hold Masses in a way that is reverent and safe.

Bishop Ricken's preference is for all schools, including All Saints Catholic School, to continue to follow the rule of minimally one school Mass a week (Monday-Friday). If, due to safety challenges or difficulty following the recent Mass guidance, our students are not able to attend Mass once a week, ASCS will offer a prayer service or other reflection time

Illness and Absenteeism

Exposure to COVID-19

In the case of a widespread illness in the state, county, or community, we may need to close for an extended time period out of concern for the health of the students, staff, and community.

1. A student or employee who is directly exposed to a person who is carrying COVID-19 must quarantine for ten calendar days.
 - a. ASCS must be prepared for an entire class needing to engage in distance learning for ten days.
 - b. Anyone who has been vaccinated or who has had a positive COVID test in the past 90 days does not need to quarantine.**
 - c. To maintain confidentiality, the ASCS Covid Liaison will contact and work with the Langlade County Health Department for contact tracing.
2. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, you are considered in "close contact" if **any** of the following situations happened while you spent time with a person with COVID-19, even if they didn't have symptoms:
 - Had direct physical contact with the person (for example, a hug or handshake).
 - Were within 6 feet of the person for more than 15 minutes.
 - Had contact with the person's respiratory secretions (for example, coughed or sneezed on; contact with a dirty tissue; shared a drinking glass, food, towels, or other personal items).
 - Stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person.
3. It is the responsibility of the parent (guardian) to make certain a child is healthy and able to attend school. Parents should send their child to school if they have answered NO to all the following questions:

Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?

Have you had a new loss of taste or smell?

Have you had muscle pain or chills?

Have you had a new headache?

Have you had nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?

All Saints Catholic School Virtus-trained volunteers will continue to screen (take temperatures and/or ask health related questions) students as they enter the school building.

4. If your child's temperature is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, ASCS will not allow him/her in the school building, and we will contact parents to pick the child up. The pick-up location for a student with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be the St. John conference room.
5. If, during the school day, a student appears to have an illness, the school will help the student proceed with a standard medical response like taking the student's temperature. Any student who seems ill, for any reason, will be placed in a separate area and we will immediately notify parents.
6. ASCS will cooperate with the Langlade County Health Department if they believe a student has COVID-19 or another serious illness. The following steps will be taken:
 - a. ASCS will maintain confidentiality of the student at all times.
 - b. Families must contact their doctor and ask to have child tested. The clinic will advise you of the appropriate steps.
 - c. If the child tests positive, please notify All Saints Catholic School immediately for further instructions. Please refer to the document "Next Steps After You Are Diagnosed" flyer.

Screening of the Staff

1. **All Saints Catholic School will continue to screen (take temperatures and/or ask health related questions) of staff as they enter the school building. It will be the responsibility of each individual staff member to take this step prior to coming to or entering the school.**
2. It is the responsibility of the staff to determine if they are healthy and able to perform their job duties as described. Staff can be in the school if they have answered NO to all of the following questions:

Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (unvaccinated staff members)?

Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?

Have you had new loss of taste or smell?

Have you had muscle pain or chills?

Have you had a new headache?

Have you had nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?

- a. If, during the school day, a staff member appears to have an illness, the school will help the staff person proceed with a standard medical response like taking their temperature. ASCS will ask any staff person who seems ill, for any reason, to leave the school premises.
3. All Saints Catholic School will cooperate with the Langlade County Health Department if they believe a staff member has COVID-19 or another serious illness. The following steps will be taken:
 - a. ASCS will maintain confidentiality of the staff at all times.
 - b. Staff members must contact his/her doctor and ask to be tested. The clinic will advise staff members of the appropriate steps.
 - c. If the staff member tests positive, he/she must notify ASCS immediately for further

instructions.

Physical Health

1. All Saints Catholic School has established Hoffmann Hall as its “isolation room” for ill students. Sick students will wait in this location (under proper ASCS supervision) until a parent arrives to take them home.
2. Travel Protocol
 - a. Students and staff should follow all current and relevant travel protocols.

Emotional/Mental Health

We at All Saints Catholic School understand our students and families have just gone through a traumatic time. For many children, their stable and safe routines have been destroyed.

1. As always, we will use the power of prayer to begin to work through difficult situations and problems.
2. Take it Slow – Our staff members will not force a “back to normal” routine as the classroom is not normal right now, and our students will need time to adjust. We know forcing “back to normal” may increase anxiety and cause needless stress on children. We will encourage the kids talk things out and share their feelings with each other as a group. It will be helpful for kids to know they are not the only ones feeling a certain way.
3. Our faculty may create assessments to determine students’ emotional health individually. This will help us guide the beginning of the school year activities.
4. Without violating HIPPA laws, ASCS will make priests and counselors aware of families in need or at risk.
 - a. ASCS staff members will prepare accordingly in anticipation some children may act out or their behavior may be different as school begins. In addition, the ASCS staff will plan for students who may be more fragile emotionally or anxious and frightened. We will work to determine the underlying causes.
5. ASCS will contact Catholic Charities if we need any help or guidance with students.
6. ASCS will monitor the emotional health of the faculty and staff. We will offer retreats and in-services, which help employees stay strong spiritually, mentally, and physically.
7. **ASCS will utilize Deacon Andy Bures as its guidance counselor during the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, ASCS will partner with Cheryl Rotherham – LCSW, a licensed family and marriage therapist, to provide online counseling services to students and staff members throughout the school year.**

Student Absent

1. ASCS will work with parents to promote healthy practices in the school and home setting.
2. ASCS teachers will prepare accordingly for prolonged student absences. Each ASCS teacher will work with individual students who miss many days of school in a row.
3. Mr. Galuska will communicate with families who are dealing with prolonged illnesses and create a plan for connecting.

Communication

1. To the best of our ability, ASCS will ensure all communications are honest, sincere, and understandable.
2. In addition, communication with ASCS parents and other stakeholders will be clear, frequent, and transparent.
3. ASCS will effectively communicate with all stakeholders regarding reopening, crisis, and health plans, which might impact them.

4. Guardians need to be aware sending children with obvious COVID-19 symptoms is unacceptable and ASCS will provide alternative learning opportunities to accommodate the child(ren).

Planning for Instruction

We understand we may need to quickly transition to a distance or blended learning model should the need arise. Should there be a need to use a cohort model, ASCS will implement the following steps:

- A. ½ of the students from one cohort will come for in-person instruction two days a week.
- B. ½ of the students from a second cohort come for in-person instruction two days a week.
- C. One day, yet to be determined, will be reserved for cleaning, planning, and additional virtual instruction.
- D. ASCS has already built those cohorts, with students assigned to each, thus splitting each class in half. Your cohort assignment will be immediately released if and when the need arises. Families with more than one child enrolled at ASCS will all be assigned the same cohort.
- E. **The virtual/remote learning option will not be provided for students during the 2021-2022 school year. This option will only be available if a child needs to quarantine due to COVID-19. When students are not in class for in-person instruction due to testing positive or a close contact, ASCS expects them to view the instruction virtually (live-stream through Google Meet link) on their device(s).**
- E. **Remote/virtual learning packets for those quarantining due to COVID-19 will be available for pick-up on Sunday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 PM. Paper assignments completed the previous week should be turned at this time.**

Attention will be given to intentionally integrate faith across the curriculum in every type of learning environment, including remote learning. ASCS will continue to use the nine guiding principles, environment, community, mission, witness, prayer, spirituality, scripture, moral life, and social justice as a guide to embed faith and our Catholic worldview in all areas.

Other Items:

1. Our teachers will work together to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students to the upcoming teachers as students enter the 2021-2022 school year.
2. As always, we at ASCS understand differentiation is a key to student success. Our faculty members will take differentiation into consideration as students return at different levels.
3. The ASCS staff faculty members understand students have a hierarchy of needs. Planning for the basic needs in social and emotional health will be addressed accordingly with our students.
4. Social Emotional Learning
 - a. As students return to ASCS, our staff members will continue to plan for whole child support including spiritual, emotional and social needs.
 - b. ASCS faculty members will make use of prayer in which students can bring intentions to the class.
 - c. More emphasis will be placed on student journaling when the opportunity presents itself.
5. ASCS instructors will be prepared to shift between in-person, physically-distanced, and virtual learning throughout the year should the need arise.
6. ASCS instructors will continue to teach using best practices in large groups, small groups, and individual instruction.
7. ASCS instructors will make use of two learning management systems (Google Classroom for 3-8 and SeeSaw for 4K-2). Each learning management system will help to provide consistency and will be beneficial for students to take ownership of their learning. Teacher made instructional content may be posted in a flipped classroom methodology and students can respond to the teacher through the learning management system.

8. Special attention will be paid to students who generally have a difficult time attending to and completing tasks. ASCS may need differentiated tasks to accommodate these learners.

9. Music:

* If possible, music classes may also be held outside to encourage distancing.

10. Physical Education:

* Whenever possible, physical education classes will be held outside.

* Mrs. Wiegert will plan for best practices in activities that minimize personal contact and practice distancing in the best way possible. If possible, avoid the handling of equipment by multiple people.

* To limit physical contact and the need to share equipment, physical education classes may need to focus on individual skill development.

* If equipment is used, students will need to clean and sanitize their hands and/or equipment before a new student or the next class utilizes the equipment.

* Locker rooms will not be utilized by the middle school students during the 2021-2022 school year.

11. Libraries:

* ASCS will stagger the number of students at any given time. No more than 1/3 of a given class will be allowed in the library at any given time. After an individual student checks out books, he/she will be sent back to class, sending a new student in his/her place.

* Library times will take place every other week instead of every week.

* Each class will be given 45 minutes twice a month for their students to check out books.

* Students will hand sanitize before entering the library.

* Students will be able to check out three books at a time.

* Due to more books being checked out of the library at a time, students must be extra vigilant about returning their books on time.

* Social distancing stickers will be on the floor to guide students as they maneuver through the library.

* Students will only be checking out books. To minimize the spread of any germs, the following items will not be out: toys, puzzles, Lego wall, dry erase tables, etc.

* Popular sections of the library (i.e. graphic novels) will be spread out more to accommodate social distancing.

Transportation of Students

In the state of Wisconsin, the public-school districts are required to bus students to and from school; this includes transportation for students to and from All Saints Catholic School. If the Unified School District of Antigo is legally providing transportation for ASCS students to and from school, all students are advised to follow the policies and regulations of the USDA issues regarding expectations.

Catholic schools will cooperate and collaborate with the Unified School District of Antigo as we review and communicate transportation options for our students. Families requiring transportation should contact Malliette Bus Company prior to the start of school indicating this.

If a field trip is taken, the bus will be limited to one class and the teacher only. ASCS will encourage virtual trip options.

Malliette Bus Company will be providing transportation for all 4K students to and from LeRoyer and/or Peace Lutheran. In addition, Malliette Bus Company will provide transportation for all remaining elementary-aged students to Peace Lutheran at the end of the school day. ASCS will bill families on a quarterly basis for this service. The fee will be based on the number of students who utilize the bus.

Athletics

All consideration for athletics will be handled by WIAA and local health departments. This includes all sports affiliated with the Unified School District of Antigo.

Checklist to Consider

The following items have been taken into consideration by ASCS to safely reopen the school during the fall of 2021.

PHASE 1: FULL SCHOOL OPENING

- Spacing within school
 - Signs, stickers, and arrows for safe distancing
 - Use of specified doorways (#1 for 5K-2, #2 for 3-5, #5 for 4K, and #6 for 6-8)
- Lunch service procedures
 - Cleaning after each grade of students has gone through the line
 - Use of space within the cafeteria to properly keep students six feet apart when in line
 - Proper disinfecting of surfaces
 - **Utilizing four serving times instead of three to limit the number of students in the lunchroom at any given time.**
- Classroom occupancy
 - Lay-outs of classroom and spacing of desks
 - Individual grades to be kept separate from other grades throughout the day (hallways, recess, dismissal)
 - Scheduling
- Removal of non-essential items in classrooms
 - The sharing of items will be discouraged.
 - Individual belongings will be separated.
- School Sanitizing
 - Hand Sanitizers - at entryways of classrooms and in the hallways
 - Public areas (office, halls, bathrooms, etc.)
 - Sneeze guards (4K, 5K, middle school science, teacher desks) partitions/quads in classrooms, spacing
 - Drinking fountains---hands-free bottle dispensers only
- Limiting school access to visitors
- **Optional mask requirement for students and staff**
 - No touch thermometers
 - Parents are strongly encouraged to take temperature of child(ren) at home
- Automatic paper towels, soap, faucets, and urinals in all bathrooms
- Plan for sick students or employees
- Assessments upon return to determine student readiness
- Mass and worship plans (4K-2: Monday, 3-5: Wednesday, 6-8: Thursday)
- Student and teacher mental health awareness
- Training of students for online platform usage in preparation for possible closure (Google Meet and SeeSaw)
- Consistent communication process for families, teachers, and parishes
- **ASCS, in partnership with Simmons Plumbing, has installed ventilation/purification systems to each of its eight heating units. ASCS will encourage an increase of circulation of outdoor air as much as possible.**
- Encourage the use of outdoor seating area (picnic tables) for instruction.

Isolation and Quarantine

One of the most effective measures for halting respiratory transmission in an indoor, shared space is to identify and isolate sick persons and quarantine the household contacts and close contacts of those who are ill. At All Saints Catholic School, isolation and quarantine will be the primary strategy for COVID-19 outbreak mitigation.

The CDC recommends that public health staff use symptom improvement, rather than two negative test results collected at least 24 hours apart, to determine when to return to work safely. This guidance also follows a symptom-based approach. This guidance recognizes there will be multiple viruses circulating throughout the school year in addition to COVID-19, and uses testing as a way to rule-out COVID-19. Not a Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case.

All Saints Catholic School will use the following criteria, in consultation with the Langlade County Health Department, to determine when students and staff can return to in-person instruction:

Green Bay Diocese Update (August 12, 2021): Based on updated data from the CDC and DPI, the following guidelines are recommended for schools:

- 1. The Green Bay Diocese has stated that a student or employee who is diagnosed with COVID-19 must follow procedures as outlined by their county health department. If there are no county health procedures in place, the following guidance should be followed:***
 - 1. If a staff or student is not vaccinated and tested positive for COVID or was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID, and the staff or student has NOT HAD COVID within the past 90 days, the staff or student should quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. The result may be shortened to 7 days if the staff or student receives a negative COVID test result.***
 - 2. If a staff or student is not vaccinated and was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID, and the staff or student HAS HAD COVID within the past 90 days, the staff or student do not need to quarantine.***

If a staff or student is vaccinated against COVID they do not have to quarantine, but should get a COVID test within 3-5 days of exposure.

Students and staff who test negative for COVID-19 infection and have symptoms:

- The individual has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- If diagnosed with another condition, the individual must complete the exclusion period for the diagnosed disease as listed on the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases Wall Chart. An alternative diagnosis is not required.

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 infection and have symptoms:

- The individual must isolate at home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement in symptoms. Repeat testing is NOT recommended for making decisions about when people can return to work or school.

- Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case below.

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 infection but have no symptoms (are asymptomatic):

- The individual must isolate at home for 10 days after the day the sample was collected.
- Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case below.

Students and staff who are not tested for COVID-19 infection but meet the symptom criteria described above in Exclusion from In-person Instruction:

- The individual must remain home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.
- Siblings and household members should follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case below.
 - If diagnosed with another condition that explains the symptoms, such as influenza or strep throat, no isolation or quarantine of close contacts is necessary. Follow guidance from the health care provider and exclusion period of the diagnosed disease as listed on the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases Wall Chart.

Close Contacts to a COVID-19 Case: The following isolation and quarantine periods apply to students and staff who are close contacts of a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case. School-based health care providers should use these criteria, in consultation with the local health department, to determine when students can return to in-person instruction:

Students and staff who remain asymptomatic during their quarantine period and are either not tested or test negative for COVID-19 infection by PCR test:

- Must quarantine for 10 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school or day care.
- If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly isolate away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of isolation for the case.

Students and staff who remain asymptomatic during their quarantine period and test positive for COVID-19 infection:

- Must isolate at home for 10 days from the day the sample was collected.
- Siblings and household members and other close contacts should also follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case to determine quarantine length.

Students and staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms during quarantine and are not tested for COVID-19 infection:

- The individual must quarantine for 10 days after the last contact with the COVID-19 positive person. If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly isolate away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of isolation for the case.
- The individual must also remain home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.
- The criteria in both above bullets must be met before returning to school.
- Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should also follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case to determine quarantine length.

Students and staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms during quarantine and test negative for COVID-19 infection by PCR while symptomatic:

- The individual must quarantine for 10 days after the last contact with the COVID-19 positive person. If the exposure is to a household member and the case cannot properly isolate away from others at home, the last date of contact may be the last day of isolation for the case.
- The individual must also be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications AND if diagnosed with another condition, they must complete the exclusion period 22 for the diagnosed disease as listed on the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases Wall Chart. An alternative diagnosis is not required.
- The criteria in both above bullets must be met before returning to school.

Students and staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms during quarantine and test positive for COVID-19 infection while symptomatic can return to in-person instruction and school activities after meeting the following:

- The individual must isolate at home for at least 10 days since the first symptoms began AND be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement in symptoms. ASCS does not recommend repeat testing for making decisions about when people can return to work or school.
- Siblings, household members, and other close contacts should also follow the Close Contact to a COVID-19 Case to determine quarantine length.