

COVID-19 POLICY (9-2-2020)

Frassati Catholic Academy will reopen school in person, on campus, with remote learning for those families who request it. Frassati Catholic Academy has adopted preventative measures based on guidelines and best practices that are designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health, (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). ***However, Frassati Catholic Academy cannot guarantee that our students, faculty and staff, and other members of the community will not become infected with COVID-19 while attending Frassati Catholic Academy in person or by being on campus.**

We will begin the school year with kindergarten through 8th grade students on campus starting September 8, 2020. Our preschool students will begin September 11, 2020, following parent meetings the week of September 8, 2020. If the pandemic affects our community in a way that makes it unsafe for in person learning or if other health concerns arise, Frassati Catholic Academy may require that classes meet remotely for an indefinite period of time.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 symptoms may include the following: new onset of cough, shortness of breath, fever (100.4+), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting or nausea. Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, diagnosed with the illness, or exposed to an individual with a lab confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school and must follow the steps outlined in the health screening protocol.

FCA'S COMMITMENT TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE

In order to minimize exposure, FCA will

- provide hand sanitizer throughout the building, including at the entrance
- disinfect high touch areas of the building throughout the day, including classrooms, and disinfect the building each evening
- limit the number of visitors in the building at any given time
- require all individuals (i.e., students, teachers, staff members) to wear a face mask while in the common areas of the school, while entering or leaving the building, and as recommended in the classroom
- require any individual who reports or shows symptoms of the COVID-19 during the school day to immediately report to the school health assistant and leave the building

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE

For the health and safety of students, teachers and school staff, parents/guardians agree to take the following precautions to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Failure to follow these safeguards may result in removal and possible exclusion of their student(s) from Frassati Catholic Academy without any reduction in tuition.

Parents/Guardians:

- Agree that they will take the temperature of their student and review the Frassati Screening checklist with their student each day prior to sending their student to Frassati.
- Represent and warrant that by allowing their student on the Frassati Catholic Academy campus, their student is free of COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Agree that if the student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or has been exposed to someone with a lab confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, parents/guardians will inform Frassati Catholic Academy immediately and follow our health screening protocol.**
- Agree that their student will wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when entering the building and often during the day.
- Agree that their student will adhere to the health and safety protocols established for the wellbeing of all, including observing social distancing and avoiding physical contact with others.
- Agree that their student will wear a mask when entering and exiting the building, in the common areas of the school, and in the classroom, according to the mask guidelines established for their grade level/classroom.
- Agree that their student will wear a mask when using school transportation.
- Agree that their student will take measures outside of Frassati Catholic Academy to avoid exposure by following the guidelines recommended by the MDH.
- Agree that they will pick up their student from Frassati within 30 minutes of receiving a call that their student has a temperature of 100.4 or above, reports experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or reports having been in contact with someone who has a lab confirmed diagnosis or has experienced COVID-19 symptoms.

The MDE, MDH and CDC continue to update their recommendations. Frassati Catholic Academy may change the above requirements as updates are received.

MASKS

“Face coverings, often called masks, can help stop your germs from infecting others. Research has shown that wearing masks reduces the risk of infection, especially when combined with other prevention efforts such as washing your hands often and staying 6 feet away from others.” As of July 25, 2020, per the Governor's Executive Order, people in Minnesota will be required to wear a face covering in all indoor businesses and public indoor spaces, unless you are alone” (MDH).

All Students: Students who use school transportation are required to wear masks prior to boarding the bus and until they have exited the bus.

Preschool and kindergarten: Students are required to wear masks when entering and leaving the building and moving in the hallways. Students are encouraged to wear masks in the classroom.

Grades 1-8: Students are required to wear masks in hallways, bathrooms, common spaces, and in large group gatherings, and in the classroom in most cases.

If a student, teacher or parent has a medical, mental health or disability reason that prevents them from wearing a mask, they will be authorized to wear a face shield. Documentation from a physician will be needed for authorization to wear the face shield rather than a mask. ***We expect that our students, staff, and parents will practice Christian charity by following the mask requirement and assuming that others are doing their best to follow the requirement given their circumstances.***

STUDENT DROP OFF

Students will be dropped off in the usual manner but will enter the building through **Door A** and walk past the school office. Their temperature will be taken and they will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before they enter the hallway to go to their classrooms.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Our classrooms are arranged consistent with the guidelines recommended by the CDC, MDH and MDE. Teachers will maintain social distancing practices when applicable, and tables and desks will be staggered and facing forward when possible. Congestion and time in the hallways will be managed with directional indicators for our students and will be kept to a minimum. Students will be encouraged to keep their hands to themselves. Lockers are assigned by classroom.

RECESS

FCA will hold recess as usual since it takes place outside. In the event of inclement weather, recess will be held inside the classroom.

SCHOOL MASS

Guidelines TBD

CAFETERIA

Hot lunch will be available. Students will eat in the cafeteria and sit by class, at tables placed 6 feet apart. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each use. Additional tables will be added if necessary. A designated allergy table will be available. Students will be socially distanced.

EVENTS

School events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the current COVID-19 climate at the time.

SPORTS

Sports will be dictated by the Catholic Athletic Association and recommendations made by the CDC and MDH.

VISITORS

Visitors to Frassati Catholic Academy will not be permitted during the month of September. This policy will be evaluated monthly. When visitors/volunteers are permitted, they will be required to complete a self-screening, temperature check, and proper hand sanitization before entering the school.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS

All traditional drinking fountains have been turned off and/or converted into water bottle filling stations.

REQUIREMENT REGARDING TRAVEL

Based on recommendations from the CDC, any student who travels internationally by air must self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. In addition, it may be necessary to require students, staff or visitors to self-quarantine for 14 days after traveling to specific state or countries.

STUDENT ABSENCE FOR COVID-RELATED ILLNESS

For COVID-related absences, teachers will provide schoolwork for the student. The student will also be referred to Mrs. Lehn, our distance learning coordinator. If your child needs one-on-one time with a teacher during his/her absence, parents will work with the teacher to schedule a time.

Attendance Policy

The attendance policy as listed in the student handbook will remain flexible this year due to uncertainty around COVID-19. Students and parents will work closely with their teacher to develop a plan when necessary.

Late Assignment Policy

FCA will continue to enforce the late assignment policy as listed in the student handbook, but will remain flexible this year due to uncertainty around COVID-19. Students and parents will work closely with their teacher(s) to develop a plan to get the student current on their work.

ILLNESS

If a staff member demonstrates COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will inform the principal and leave immediately. If a student is showing or reporting COVID-19-related symptoms during the school day, he/she will go to the school office. The child will be moved to a designated room (not the regular health office) and be given a mask. The health aide on site will communicate with the parent/guardian to pick up the student. For COVID-19 related illness, the student may return to school under the following circumstances:

Negative COVID-19 Test

If the student is tested and the test is negative, the individual must be fever-free (temperature under 100.4) for at least 24 hours, medication-free and have no signs of active illness before returning to school. (If uncertain about whether or not you or your child's symptoms are active versus residual, i.e. a lingering cough, please contact your physician.)

Positive COVID-19 Test (or Multiple Active COVID-19 Symptoms with No Lab Test)

If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they are to remain home for 10 days past the onset of symptoms OR 3 days past the fever, whichever is longer. In the case of a positive COVID-19 test, we encourage the family to consult their health care provider about having other school-age siblings tested.

Notification of Positive COVID-19 Student/Staff Member

If a staff member of the parent of a student reports a COVID-19 positive test, the parent/staff member will contact the health aide, Coralie Kroll at coralie.kroll@frassatiwbl.org or 651-429-7771 option 2. FCA will notify the appropriate families and staff and identify the affected grade level(s). We will deep clean the classrooms affected prior to opening the following school day.

Direct Exposure

Direct exposure, as defined by the MDH, is being within 6 feet of a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 for 15 cumulative minutes (with or without a mask). In the case of direct exposure, the school will deal with cases on an individual basis, taking into consideration current COVID-19 guidelines and relying on recommendations from the MDH and/or the CDC.

Significant Spread of COVID-19 within School

In the event of a school-wide spread, we will consult our medical panel and evaluate a temporary transition to online learning.

FRASSATI HEALTH SCREENING PROTOCOL

Below is the health-screening tool that will be used throughout the year.

Employees, students and visitors (parents, vendors, volunteers and prospective families, etc.) must ask themselves these questions prior to coming to Frassati each day. If you cannot answer YES to each question, you must stay home.

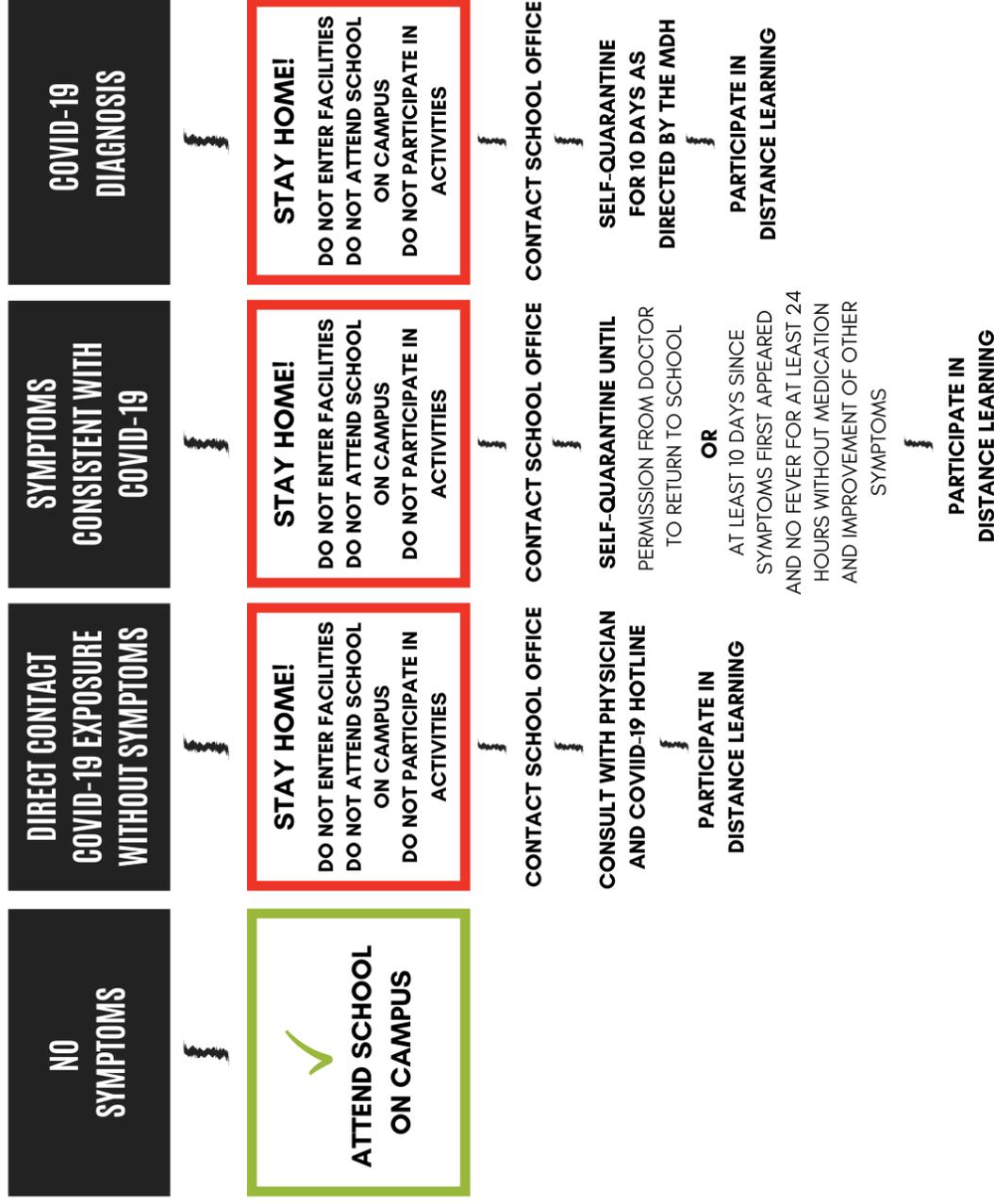
- My temperature is below the CDC limit of 100.4°F/38°C.
- I am not exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19 including: new onset of cough or shortness of breath, fever (100.4°F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, loss of sense of smell or taste, or gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.
- I have not had any close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has exhibited COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days. Close contact is considered being 6 feet or closer to the person for more than 15 minutes (with or without a mask).
- I have not been told to self-isolate or self-quarantine by a public health or medical professional.
- I have not been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 OR if previously diagnosed with COVID-19, I agree that I have had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; AND other symptoms have improved (i.e. when cough or shortness of breath have improved); AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- I have not been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 OR if I have tested positive but did not experience symptoms, I agree that 10 days have passed since the positive test or I have received two negative test results at least 24 hours apart.
- I have not traveled internationally in the past 14 days.
- I agree to abide by the policies of the Frassati Pandemic Preparedness Plan on social distancing, hand washing, wearing cloth mask and respiratory etiquette at all times while I am at Frassati.

COVID-19 Information and Health Screening



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Frassati Catholic Academy's Health Screening Protocol



Students or visitors to Frassati Catholic Academy who are experiencing illness, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to an individual with a lab-tested COVID-19 diagnosis, should not come on campus and should follow the steps outlined on our health screening protocol.

COVID-19 information and health screening guidelines have been created with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). For more information, visit health.mn.gov.

COVID-19 symptoms include new onset or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least two of the following: fever (100.4+), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting or nausea.

Contact the school office with COVID-19 student absences.

PHONE: 651-429-7771 option 2

EMAIL: coralie.kroll@frassatiwbl.org

Any known member of the Frassati Catholic Academy community who is testing or has received a positive, lab tested COVID-19 diagnosis is referred to our Health Office. If a lab test results in a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, our school health aide will follow up with the individual/family and with the Minnesota Department of Health. MDH evaluates next steps and provides guidance, including any contact tracing. If notifications are necessary, Frassati Catholic Academy will use MDH templates to notify parents and staff while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with state and federal law.