

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

{NAME} Catholic school follows the Archdiocese of Seattle's policy regarding communicable diseases. Students or parents/guardians may obtain a copy of the policy from the school office.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK OF COVID-19 AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

{NAME} Catholic school is committed to the health and well-being of our students, faculty/staff, volunteers, and others who are part of the {NAME} Catholic school community. We acknowledge that the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, poses significant health risks and has affected many aspects of life. It is possible that other communicable diseases could pose risks to {NAME} Catholic school students and others in the {NAME} Catholic community. To confront the unprecedented challenges and risks presented by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, {NAME} Catholic school is following recommendations and guidance issued by county, state, and federal authorities and agencies, including the {NAME} County Department of Health, OSPI, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Students and parents/guardians are expected to understand and acknowledge the dangers presented by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. In particular, COVID-19 is contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The risks associated with COVID-19 may include, but are not limited to, illness and, in some cases, death. As of the printing of this Handbook, there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and it is very possible that a vaccine will be unavailable during the 2020-21 academic year. Students and parents/guardians are expected to stay informed of COVID-19, as well as other communicable diseases, and understand their associated risks.

To prevent and to reduce the spread of communicable diseases like COVID-19, students and parents/guardians are expected to:

1. Comply with all recommendations and guidance for reducing the spread of communicable diseases published by county, state, and federal authorities and agencies, including the {NAME} County Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Washington Department of Health. Such recommendations include, but are not limited to, maintaining physical distancing guidelines, wearing a face covering, and washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds regularly.
2. Comply with all rules, guidelines and protocols adopted by {NAME} Catholic school for reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.
3. Notify {NAME} Catholic school within twenty-four (24) hours if the student (a) has been in contact with someone known or suspected to be infected by COVID-19 or any other communicable disease; (b) has been diagnosed as being infected by COVID-19 or any other communicable disease; or (c) has been running a fever or exhibiting other symptoms as outlined by {NAME} County Department of Health.

Students must stay home if they feel ill, exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, or have tested positive for COVID-19 or any other communicable disease.

Students who are at school must report to the front office staff if he/she becomes ill during the day. In those circumstances, {NAME} Catholic school will contact the student's parent/guardian and send the student home. Students are expected to stay home until they are no longer contagious as determined by a licensed medical professional.

{NAME} Catholic school will close its campus if {NAME} Catholic school deems it necessary to protect students, faculty/staff, volunteers, and others who are part of the {NAME} Catholic community from exposure to COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, including at the advice, guidance, or direction of local and state authorities.