

October 31, 2022

Dear School Leaders,

Happy Halloween! As a former principal and teacher, having Halloween on a Monday generally makes for an eventful week. Have fun! 😊

Note: There were several important pieces of new information in last week's Keystone. If you didn't have a chance to read it, here's the link:

[10.24.22.pdf \(mycatholicschool.org\)](#)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Due TODAY - October 31st:** Safe Environment lessons complete and reporting form due to SE office (see email sent by SE office for additional information)
- **Due by November 15th:** The private school enrollment report is due no later than November 15th. The portal and directions can be found [here](#).
Note: The enrollment count included in the report should be based on your school enrollment as of October 3rd. In addition to the resource linked above, the state is offering weekly Q & A sessions on Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 to help answer questions about the reporting process. You can access the Zoom link here: [Thursday Q&A Zoom](#)
- **By November 15th:** Principals should meet with their pastors/canonical leader to review their annual self-assessment and goal sheet. Note: Principals in their first year at a school have until January 15th for this meeting. An OCS rep will be assisting with this process.
- **Due December 1st:** Annual school immunization report due to the state (the reporting window opens on November 1st). Both reporting websites will have additional resources and information posted on Monday November 1st:
 - [Preschool and Child Care Immunization Status Reporting](#)
 - [School Immunization Status Reporting](#)For schools who are reporting through the IIS School Module the state will pull the immunization report data the weekend after December 1st. Please direct any questions about reporting to OICPSchools@doh.wa.gov. See additional information below.

New information this week...

- **Workers Compensation:** Last week Caitlyn Moulding, Chief Operations Officer, emailed [this letter](#) to principals and pastors regarding workers compensation. Please be sure you have read it.
- **COVID Update:** Last week the Dept. of Health released updated COVID guidance for K-12 and childcare. [Click here](#) for the full document. Here is a summary of the document:

WHAT HAS CHANGED

- **Outbreak Definition** - the definition of a COVID-19 outbreak has changed to 5 COVID-19 cases within a core group or 20% of students, teachers, or staff within a core group.
- **The COVID-19 Symptom Decision Trees will be updated.** Here is the most current: [COVID-19 Symptom and Exposure Flowchart for Schools and Child Care \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [What to do if you test positive](#) and [What to do if you were exposed](#) are **new documents** that outline isolation, masking, and testing practices that *should* be followed.
- Schools are no longer required to provide access to testing.
- Vaccinations are no longer required.

WHAT REMAINS THE SAME

- **Reporting Requirements** - K-12 schools and child cares are required to report COVID-19 cases, suspected cases, and outbreaks to local public health ([WAC 246-101-420](#) & [WAC 246-101-415](#), respectively).
 - Suspected cases include students/staff who tested positive with an at-home/Over-The-Counter test.
 - [Find more information on reporting here.](#)
 - [L&I Requirements remain](#) - the reporting of outbreaks and providing written notice of potential exposure has not changed.
- **School Health/Nurse Offices** - policies for mask use in school nurse offices should follow the [Secretary of Health's Mask Order](#). Anyone providing care or evaluation to the separated individual should wear appropriate PPE.
- **Exclusion of children with illness includes COVID-19 symptoms** - a school is required to send an ill child home or reasonably separate them from other children if there is a risk that the child's illness will spread to other children or individuals ([WAC 110-300-0205](#)).
- [LHJ Authority](#) - local health officers may require implementation of mitigation measures or more stringent guidance to control the spread of COVID-19 in schools or child cares. Schools may also choose to require recommended best practices found in the updated guidance.

➤ Latest Chancery Communications:

- [Click here](#) for the latest Chancery to Parish Newsletter (C2P)
- [Click here](#) for the latest COVID Newsletter from the Archdiocese

That's all for this week. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Warm regards,

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