

Carroll High School

2021 – 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines



After careful reflection and consultation with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County and many local school districts, Carroll High School has created the following policies and procedures for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Vaccinations

We strongly recommend that faculty, staff and students get vaccinated against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and offer the best protection against serious illness. The CDC, the FDA and the Catholic Church all endorse the vaccine and we feel it is the *best* way to keep your child healthy, in school and in their extracurricular activities. The COVID-19 vaccine is NOT required.

Use of Masks

We recognize that wearing a mask is an important component of layered prevention strategies that have been shown to be effective at reducing risk of transmission. We encourage all members of our community, especially those who have not been vaccinated, to wear a mask when indoors unless they are involved in physical activity or eating. However, as a school of choice, we recognize that health and safety measures in regards to COVID-19 are best determined by individual families and we trust you to make the best choice for your children and the common good. **At this time**, masks will only be required during large assemblies such as Mass and House events. Students should bring a mask to school each day in case it is needed for various activities.

Per federal law, masks will be required on all buses including to and from school and extracurricular events.

Proper Hygiene

Both in and out of school, everyone should frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when possible and use hand sanitizer frequently.

Monitor Symptoms

As we go through the school year, all staff and students are required to check symptoms daily before leaving home for school. If your child presents any common symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them home out of an abundance of caution and get tested for COVID-19. If you are unsure how to proceed, please contact our school nurse, Joyce Dunham, to determine if your child should attend school that day.

Mandatory Reporting

If any student, faculty or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 they must report this positive result to the school immediately. The person testing positive will be required to isolate for 10 days per CDC guidelines. Carroll High School will report positive cases to the families of those in close contact and the community at large.

Contact Tracing / Quarantine

When a positive case is reported, the school will conduct detailed contact tracing to determine if any other members of the Carroll community need to quarantine due to exposure. The following policies are in place from the CDC and department of health:

- Fully vaccinated students and adults possibly exposed to COVID-19 **do not** have to quarantine and can continue attending in-person class and participating in sports and extracurricular activities, unless symptoms develop.
- Unvaccinated students and adults possibly exposed to COVID-19 in schools may continue to attend in-person school, if **all** of the following conditions are met:
 - The unvaccinated individual was wearing a mask at the time of exposure
 - The exposure occurred within a classroom environment or while on required school transport (e.g., school bus) and the person with COVID-19 was also wearing a mask
 - The unvaccinated individual remains symptom free

Remote Learning

Because Carroll High School believes students learn best when they are in person, we will not be offering any remote learning this school year. If a student is forced to quarantine, our Dean of Academics will coordinate with the child's teachers to ensure that they do not fall behind in their course work.