

Carroll High School

Revised 2021 – 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines

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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 remainder of the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Use of Masks

We welcome and support all members of our community to wear a mask if they choose for their own comfort and safety. 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. Masks MAY be required during large assemblies such as Mass and House events. These events will be announced ahead of time so that students can bring a mask to school on those days if necessary.

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

Vaccinations

We continue to recommend that faculty, staff and students get vaccinated against COVID-19. 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.

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

Staff and students should continue to check symptoms daily before leaving home for school. If your child presents any common symptoms of COVID-19, please keep him or her 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 he/she 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

If a student is exposed to COVID-19 outside of school (home, work, ect...) the traditional 10 day quarantine would apply. However, if a positive case is reported at school, we will conduct detailed contact tracing to determine if any other members of the Carroll community have been exposed due to close contact. The following policies are in place from the Ohio Department of Health:

In-School:

Direct contacts, regardless of whether or they are vaccinated or masked, may remain in the school environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).
- Consistent with guidance for others quarantining in lower-risk environments, students and staff may discontinue these quarantine procedures after seven days — if they don't develop symptoms AND test negative between days 5-7.

Extracurricular Activities:

Regardless of vaccination status, those identified as close contacts may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following:

- Wear a mask when able. (This includes transportation, locker rooms, sitting/standing on the sidelines, and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.)
- Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19.
- Test again on days 5-7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine.

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.

Policy Subject to Change

As always, we will make decisions that are in the best interest of our students' health and safety and the common good of our community. Our decisions will be based on facts and guidance from the Department of Health and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Should the need arise, we reserve the right to change this policy, if we feel it is in the best interest of our students and staff.