

Carroll High School

Revised 2021 – 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines

January 3rd, 2022



After consultation with the Ohio Department of Health and specific guidance from the Ohio Hospital Association and Ohio Pediatric Association, Carroll High School has created the following policies and procedures that will go into effect January 3rd and be re-evaluated on January 17th as we navigate the surge in COVID-19.

Use of Masks

All students, staff and visitors of Carroll High School will be **REQUIRED** to wear a mask while inside the building. The exception to this rule will be while eating during lunch and while actively participating in athletic practices, contests and physical education classes.

This applies to all patrons at our athletic contests, bingo and extracurricular activities.

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

Vaccinations

We continue to strongly recommend that all eligible members of our community get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The CDC, the FDA and the Catholic Church all endorse the vaccine as 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 five days per CDC guidelines. Carroll High School will report positive cases to the families of those in close contact and the community at large. **If the student or staff member is asymptomatic after five days from their first positive test, they may return to school.**

Contact Tracing / Quarantine

If a student is exposed to COVID-19 outside of school (home, work, etc.) they must quarantine for five days. If the student or staff member is asymptomatic after that five day period, they may return to school. This policy applies to all students, including in-season athletes, under the following conditions:

If you came into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and you are in one of the following groups, you do not need to quarantine.

- You are ages 18 or older and have received all [recommended vaccine doses](#), including [boosters](#) and [additional primary shots](#) for some immunocompromised people.
- You are ages 5-17 years and completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines.
- You had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (you tested positive using a [viral test](#)).

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 5 days — if they don't develop symptoms AND show proof of a negative test.

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 after 5 days. If they are negative at this time and are asymptomatic, 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 by choice this school year. If a student is forced to quarantine, Mrs. Linda Edwards will coordinate with the child and his or her 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.