

- ❖ **Do I need to fill out the Magnus Screening App every day, even if my child is not attending school?**
 - Yes, the screening app should be filled out every day to report your student's symptoms for that day, any pending COVID tests, or whether someone in the home has tested positive.

- ❖ **What if I am having technical difficulties, phone difficulties, or an internet outage and cannot connect to the Magnus Screening App?**
 - Notify the [front desk](#) or the [nurse](#) via email to let them know of your difficulty and your answers to the questions.

- ❖ **What should I do if my child has symptoms or is ill?**
 - Fill out the screening tool with the appropriate answers in the morning. Follow the instructions received. If your child has a chronic illness that is documented in their health history, your answers will be taken into account and this can be discussed with the school nurse if you have concerns.
 - If your student leaves school with symptoms or is ill, you will receive "return to school instructions" from the school nurse.
 - You should discuss your child's symptoms with his or her physician to decide if testing is appropriate.
 - **Even if your student has had a negative PCR test for COVID, if your student has persistent symptoms he/she should not come to school until symptoms have resolved or your child has been examined by a physician. A student should not be in the school building if they have to frequently remove their mask to blow or wipe their nose or if they have a frequent, disruptive cough or are coughing up sputum**

- ❖ **If I am going to get my SJCS student tested for COVID, should I notify his/her coach?**
 - You can notify your child's coach that your child has symptoms and a pending test, but it is very important that you fill out the daily screening app appropriately and notify the school nurse by email about your child's testing.

- ❖ **We were notified that our student is a close contact. What is a close contact?**
 - A close contact is any individual who
 - was within 6 feet of a positive case infected person for at least 15 minutes, masked or unmasked,
 - provided care at home for an infected person,
 - had direct physical contact, such as hugging an infected person,
 - shared eating or drinking utensils with an infected person, or
 - was sneezed or coughed on by an infected person.

- ❖ **My college student tested positive for COVID; does my whole family have to quarantine?**
 - The answer to this will vary by family. Some families may be able to take precautions and isolate the college student upon their arrival at home from college. Please answer question #14 yes on the screening tool, and notify the [school nurse](#) by email or SJCS [contact tracer](#) using the [COVID Exposure form](#) if you have any family member living in the home who has tested positive for COVID. We are aware that a family member who has been appropriately isolated does not necessitate a quarantine of all other family members. For their 10-day isolation period, family members who have tested positive should be staying in a separate wing of the home, a basement, an in-law suite, or a separate bathroom and bedroom from the rest of the family. They should not be eating meals with the family or sharing any living space with the family.

- ❖ **How will I be notified if my student is identified as a close contact of a positive case?**
 - You will receive an email from our Contact Tracer, Dr. Laure Utecht, informing you that your student has been identified as being a possible close contact and must not attend classes or any extracurricular activities until all the information regarding the contact is verified. **It is very important that you read emails from contacttracer@sjcatholicschool.org in a timely fashion.** Within 24 hours of that email, you will be contacted by our Contact Tracer who will verify the information and discuss next steps for your student. The Administration Team and Contact Tracer use seating charts and attendance records in addition to an interview with the person who tested positive to build a close contact list. All personal information is kept confidential.

- ❖ **How do I notify the school if my student has tested positive for COVID, or has been in close contact with a confirmed case?**
 - Please fill out this [COVID Exposure Form](#), which is located on the school website under Contact Tracing and COVID Resources.
 - SJCS will follow the CDC guidelines for **isolation** for individuals who test positive for COVID. Students will need to isolate for 10 days after symptoms first appear and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, and other symptoms are improving. Individuals who have tested positive without symptoms will isolate for 10 days after the date of their test. [Isolate If You Are Sick](#)

- ❖ **What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?**
 - Quarantine keeps someone who might have been in contact with the virus away from others. These individuals are close contacts of positive cases, should practice social distancing at home, practice frequent hand washing, and avoid contact with vulnerable family members.

- Isolation keeps someone who has tested positive for COVID separated from others, even in the home. If at all possible, individuals who have tested positive for COVID should remain in a separate bedroom and bathroom from the rest of the family and should not eat meals with the rest of the family.

- ❖ **Under what circumstances will my student be asked to quarantine or isolate?**
 - If a student is a close contact of a positive case, CDC recommends a 14-day **quarantine**, even if asymptomatic. This applies if the exposure occurred at home, school, or in the community.
 - If a student is a close contact of a positive COVID case and is tested at 7 days or later from their last contact with the positive case and the test is negative, SJCS will allow a student to attend school and school activities after completing a 10-day quarantine as long as the student remains symptom-free.
 - **SJCS recommends PCR testing for COVID**
 - SJCS will follow CDC quarantine guidelines for household contacts [COVID-19: When to Quarantine](#)

- ❖ **If my student is asked to quarantine or isolate, how do they transition to remote learning?**
 - First, be assured that no student will be penalized for illness. We realize that the prospect of missing several days of school can produce anxiety, but we will work with individual students to keep them moving forward in their schoolwork as they are able.
 - As soon as you know that your student will be absent, they should contact their individual teachers by email. Since the quarantine/isolation times can vary widely depending on the circumstances, each case will be handled individually. Students can attend some classes virtually (assuming they are able), while others are better managed through recordings, individual teacher meetings, or other arrangements. **SJCS teachers will determine the best way to deliver content to their students based on what they are doing in their curriculum at the time and the anticipated length of the absence.**
 - At the time your student is asked to quarantine, the Contact Tracer will notify Mrs. Julie Rzepinski, our [Remote Learning Specialist](#). Mrs. Rzepinski will contact the student in one to two school days to outline an individual course of action for that student, including receiving course content, make-up work, etc.

- ❖ **Under what circumstances would sports be put on hold?**
 - The decision to shut down a sports team will vary depending on the level of contact involved in the sport. For example,
 - Cross Country is an outdoor sport that has very little close contact other than a short period at the start of a race. If a team member tests positive for COVID-19, most likely the remainder of the team would not be defined as a close contact and the team could continue to practice and compete.

- Swimming also takes place outdoors and allows for social distancing. A single positive COVID-19 case would most likely allow the team to continue practice and compete.
 - Football, although an outdoor sport, involves significant close contact between players. Should a team member test positive for COVID -19 any other member of the team defined as a close contact would have to quarantine. As this would most likely be a significant portion of the team, practice and games would have to be halted. If, because of the nature of the sport, proper contact tracing could not be completed, the entire team would be required to quarantine and practices and games would be halted until after the quarantine period.
 - Volleyball is an indoor sport that requires close contact. Should a team member test positive for COVID-19, the entire team would most likely be required to quarantine and practices and games would be halted until the quarantine period is completed.
 - Basketball is an indoor sport that requires close contact. Should a team member test positive for COVID-19, the entire team would most likely be required to quarantine and practices and games would be halted until the quarantine period is completed.
- All quarantines would follow the SJCS policy outlined earlier in this document.
 - Any player who tests positive for COVID-19 must comply with PRISMA Health Systems Return to Play protocols before resuming practice. Please contact the Athletic Director, [Eric Nash](#) for more information regarding these protocols.

❖ **How were St. Joseph's Policies surrounding the pandemic developed?**

- School administration developed these policies based on the CDC and DHEC guidelines along with input from our Medical Advisory Board. The Medical Advisory Board is made up of 4 physicians, including an infectious disease specialist, and members of the administration.