



## **2023-2024 Covid Safety Procedures and Protocol**

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Any St. John's child, family member or employee who feels unwell or has symptoms potentially consistent with COVID-19 (including any or all of fever, cough, congestion, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea or gastrointestinal issues) should stay home from school unless ALL of the following are true:

- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication
- Other symptoms are improving AND
- Negative test result from a COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen test

If a child, family member or employee tests positive for COVID-19, the positive person is required to stay home for five days following their positive test or the onset of symptoms, whichever occurred first. As is the case with any communicable illness, please email Molly at [mmcsherry@stjohnsdc.org](mailto:mmcsherry@stjohnsdc.org) and Cece at [ccook@stjohnsdc.org](mailto:ccook@stjohnsdc.org) so that an appropriate school-wide communication can be shared. Beginning on the sixth day, individuals are eligible to return to school and are encouraged to wear a mask through day 10.

St. John's encourages consultation with health care providers for guidance if there are questions about a return to school after someone has felt unwell or tested positive for COVID-19.

As is stated in the regular illness policy, children and staff members should stay home if they are suffering illness of any nature and free from symptoms and medication for at least 24 hours.

*A small team of staff and executive board members reviews this policy several times each year. Any updates made to the existing policy will be shared via email. Thank you all for your commitment to keeping our St. John's community as healthy as possible.*