



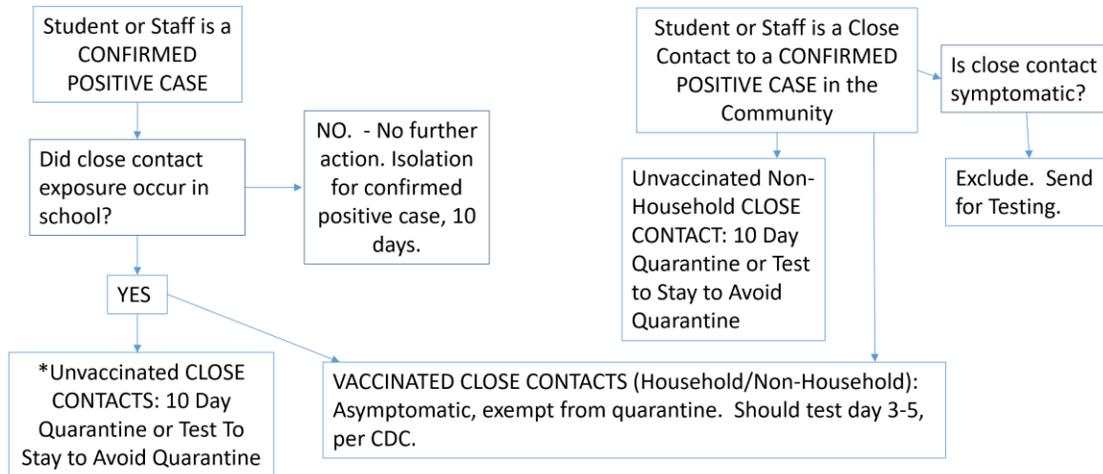
Dear All Saints families,

This morning, September 13, one of our sixth grade students tested positive for COVID-19. He did not enter our buildings but since he started having symptoms on Saturday, we identified everyone who we thought could be classified as a close contact beginning last Thursday (48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms).

Our staff followed the current procedure for contact tracing as outlined in the [COVID protocol document](#). Something new this year is our ability to perform serial (rapid) antigen testing on site in order to lessen the amount of learning time lost due to quarantine. For students who are considered a close contact and whose parent(s) fills out the [permission form](#), we are able to offer the ability to participate in Michigan's "[Test to Stay](#)" program. Individuals in this program have a serial test performed on days 1-5, 7, and 9 after exposure to someone who has been positively confirmed with COVID-19. If the person undergoing testing receives negative results on days 1-5, 7, and 9, he/she may remain in class and participate in sports (at the discretion of the administration/coaching staff) rather than quarantine for 10 days. Participants in the "Test to Stay" program are also required to wear a mask during the school day for the entire 10 day period. Masks are recommended for everyone, regardless of age or vaccination status due to [Bay County's current status](#) of "high transmission rate" (as of September 13, 2021).

What does this mean for your son/daughter? The flow chart on the following page may be helpful, as well as a visit to the [FAQ page](#) for the serial (rapid) antigen test. Please see the shortened list below for how to handle different situations during this season of allergies, cold/flu infections, and other diseases whose symptoms may resemble those of COVID-19.

HOW QUARANTINE & ISOLATION WORKS IN BAY COUNTY K-12 SCHOOLS



UNVACCINATED Household Close Contacts: Not eligible for Test to Stay. Asymptomatic eligible for Test to Stay 10 day post-exposure.

- 1) If your son/daughter is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, cough, severe headache, etc.), please keep him/her home. You may go for testing on your own, but please do not send children with symptoms to school. This reduces everyone's exposure. If your son/daughter tests positive, please notify the school and the [Bay County Health Department](#).
- 2) If you believe your son/daughter has been exposed to someone who is a confirmed positive for COVID-19, please contact the Bay County Health Department. [This resource](#) may be helpful as you discern how to handle different exposure situations.
- 3) If you feel it is in your family's best interest for your son/daughter to attend school wearing a mask, please know that this decision will be supported by our staff. Currently, vaccinated students in grades 6-12 are not required to wear a mask. ***This decision may change based on recent recommendations from the Bay County Health Department and the rates of transmission at All Saints Central.***
- 4) If we are notified that your son/daughter is a close contact of someone who is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, he/she may be eligible for the "Test to Stay" program. **Only** in these cases will we be offering serial (rapid) antigen tests. We do not "test on demand," as we do not have the resources to do so. Our supply of serial (rapid) antigen tests is based on our following the guidelines for testing outlined in the "Test to Stay" program.
- 5) If you would like to watch a video of how a serial (rapid) antigen test is performed, please watch [this video](#). It may help alleviate anxiety in students who are afraid that "the test will hurt." The BinaxNOW test is what we use at All Saints Central.

Please know that our first priority is the safety of our students, staff, and volunteers. Please contact your building leader (Lisa Rhodus, lisa.rhodus@ascbaycity.org or Krista Willertz, krista.willertz@ascbaycity.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless you and thank you for trusting All Saints Central with the education and safety of your son/daughter.