

Dear SFX Staff, Parents, and Students,

There have been some changes made to our school protocols for quarantine of students.

Please Note the Following:

1. Schools will no longer be contact tracing during the school day. We ask that all families continue to monitor their children for symptoms and follow the guidelines below. If your child tests positive for COVID, please report this to the school.
2. The “test to stay” option will no longer be necessary for those exposed unless they begin to show symptoms.

St. Francis Xavier School	
COVID Isolation Guidelines	
If staff/student has tested POSITIVE for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for five (5) days from onset of symptoms or date of positive test.• Return to school on day 6 if there are no symptoms.• If fever is present, stay home until fever resolves on its own without medication.• Continue masking around others for an additional 5 days.• Contact the school to inform of the positive test result.
If staff/student HAS BEEN EXPOSED to someone with COVID-19 and HAS SYMPTOMS (regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure took place)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for five (5) days from onset of symptoms; day zero is the first day of symptoms.• -OR- Get tested for Covid-19. If positive, follow the steps above.
If staff/student HAS BEEN EXPOSED to someone with COVID-19 and DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS (regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure took place)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue attending school and monitor for symptoms.

Contact Tracing

The school will not be conducting rigorous contact tracing at the school. We will contact parents of students that we believe have had prolonged close exposure to a confirmed positive for careful monitoring of symptoms.

The health department and MDHHS in their efforts to begin to address COVID more like other contagious illnesses will continue to modify guidance to schools. We will continue to do what we can to keep our school open for in-person learning. We will continue to update COVID case numbers on our website, including parent reports of student positives.

Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms of illness. If a fever is present, students should stay home until the fever resolves on its own without medication. If it has been determined that a student is too ill to remain in school, parents will be contacted to pick the student up.

Emmet County continues to have a Health Order requiring universal masking of students in schools. The health department has indicated that in the next couple of weeks, that they will be reassessing the conditions that necessitate the mask requirement. A sustained downward trend in new cases and an easing on the capacity of hospitals will be key metrics that will factor into their decision.