

Archdiocese of Miami Guidance Regarding Response to COVID-19 Exposures within SCHOOLS of the Archdiocese of Miami

Substantial effort has been made by all schools to support the safety of the school environment and limit the transmission of the COVID-19. For example:

- Schools of the ADOM are required to follow the CDC and local municipalities' guidance in the mandatory requirement for students, faculty and staff to wear a mask at all times and in all places, except when faculty or staff are alone in one's own office.
- Schools of the ADOM have arranged classrooms and other spaces to facilitate social distancing. Where appropriate, barriers have been added to desks or tables to provide protection.
- Scheduling of students has been done to maintain students and faculty/staff within small groups of the same persons to minimize contact with individuals throughout the school day. Generally, individual cohorts of students do not mingle with other cohorts outside the classroom (at arrival, lunch, recess, church, dismissal, etc)
- Symptom and temperature checks by parents prior to the school day and retention of any sick child at home (licensed childcare facilities take temperature of child); symptom screening of all employees is required
- Designating a separate, isolated space for any student who presents COVID-19 like symptoms during the school day to await pick-up by parent/guardian

If a student begins to exhibit COVID-19 like symptoms during school hours, the child is directed to the designated separate waiting space and is monitored by an assigned adult. The parent/guardian is notified to promptly pick-up the student. The parent/guardian is advised to seek the advice of the child's pediatrician and/or COVID-19 testing and to alert the school as to the outcome when information is available.

If there is a possible exposure on the school campus from a sick child, as well as providing for the needs of the sick child:

- The School notifies the pastor for elementary schools, and the Office of Schools as quickly as reasonably possible;
- The School notifies the County Department of Health (DOH) for guidance regarding management of the exposure, including, but not limited to, actions needed regarding contact tracing and communication and cleaning and disinfecting of space where the sick child or adult may have been.
- Any classroom or school-wide closure is determined in collaboration with the County Department of Health and the ADOM Office of Catholic Schools
- The School seeks the guidance from the County DOH on any additional community communication that may be necessary.
- If classroom or school-wide closure is necessary, cleaning and sanitization protocols consistent with the CDC guidelines will be implemented. Reopening will occur only after the risk of exposure has been fully evaluated. While classroom or school is closed, students will participate in remote learning activities.

If there is a possible exposure on the school campus from a sick employee (or contractor)

- the employee/contractor is sent home or contact made at the request of the employee/contractor for transportation home. The individual is advised to contact their physician or seek testing and advise the entity of the outcome when information is available.
- If a school employee, the Office of Schools is notified and the DOH is contacted by the school for direction regarding contact tracing and communication and cleaning and disinfecting of space where the employee/contractor may have been.
- Any classroom or school-wide closure is determined in collaboration with the County Department of Health and the ADOM Office of Catholic Schools. The School seeks guidance from the County DOH on any additional community communication that may be necessary. If classroom or school-wide closure is necessary, cleaning and sanitization protocols consistent with the CDC guidelines will be implemented.
- Any closure of parish offices or other entity offices is determined in collaboration with the pastor/administrator and the Chancellors' Office based on the guidance of the County Department of Health. Guidance from the County DOH may be sought regarding communication to the community.
- Cleaning and sanitization protocols consistent with the CDC guidelines will be implemented. Reopening will occur only after the risk of exposure has been fully evaluated.
- Return of the employee/contractor to work follows this ADOM protocol.

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