

St. Michael's Lutheran Preschool COVID-19 Guidance

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We are subject to the licensing requirements of the MN Department of Human Services (DHS). We have also reviewed guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

We are required by DHS to do the following:

- **Report Cases:** Report cases of COVID-19 (each child or staff member who receives a positive result) to MDH in accordance with Minnesota Rule 4605.7070.
- **Notification:** Notify the parent/guardian of a child who is identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Isolation of Positive Cases:** Exclude children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 based on MDH guidance.
 - Stay home for Day 0 through Day 5 (Day 0 is the day of the positive test or first day of symptoms, Day 1 is the first full day after)
 - Isolation may end after Day 5 for anyone who has no symptoms or if symptoms have improved, including being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
 - Students and staff must wear a well-fitted mask at preschool through the end of Day 10
 - Students who can/will not wear a mask may return on Day 11

General Reminders:

1. Each morning, check for symptoms before coming to preschool.
2. **Should your child be showing any symptoms, please keep them home and inform the preschool.**
3. If anyone in the household, parents or siblings, are being tested for COVID, please keep *all* your children home until you receive test results.
4. For more information about testing sites, please speak with your child's Doctor or go to the MDH website link here (<https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>)

While we are no longer required by our licensor to quarantine close contacts, we understand that some of you will choose to follow the current CDC close contact quarantine guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>). We now have a mix of students and staff who have had COVID and/or have been vaccinated. So, we are asking every family to make the decision that best fits their personal circumstances.