## Father Andrew White COVID Protocol Updated February 3, 2022

## QUARANTINE - Close Contact Exposure to a COVID positive person

- Stay home for at least 5 days after the last close contact with the COVID positive person (Day 1 is considered the first full day after the date of last close contact)
- Testing is recommended at least 5 days after the last close contact (or sooner if symptoms develop).
- If no symptoms, you may return to school after Day 5 as long as you properly wear a well-fitting mask (preferably an N-95 or KN-95) when around others.
- If unable to mask around others, remain at home for 10 days from the date of last close contact.

## **ISOLATION - Positive Case**

- Isolate 5 days (Day Zero is the day symptoms began or the date of the positive test, whichever is first).
- Isolation can end after Day 5 if no symptoms or if symptoms have improved including no fever for 24 hours without medicine.
- Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public through Day 10.
- If unable to mask around others, remain at home for 10 days.

## **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:**

Testing is recommended to return to school, but not required.

We do accept the results of home tests.

Quarantine is required for close contact exposure regardless of vaccination status.

"Close contact" is considered being within 6ft of someone for a total of 15 minutes or more over the course of a day. For students in classrooms the distance is reduced to three feet.

As long as masking and distancing guidelines are followed, typical exposure during the school day does not count as "close contact." However, if a student tests positive, we ask that the student (or parents) notify us if they have been in close contact with any other students.

Doing Arrival Screenings (including morning temperature checks) is still recommended by the Archdiocese so we will continue until we are advised otherwise.

COVID- 19 virus spreads when respiratory droplets are exhaled. The infected droplets can then be inhaled by a nearby person or land on the surface of their eyes or mucus membranes. Most infected people also have respiratory secretions on their hands. These secretions get transferred to healthy people on doorknobs, faucet handles, etc. The virus then gets transferred to healthy people when they touch their face or rub their eyes.

There are still many other communicable diseases out there besides COVID, so general infection control and hand hygiene is always very important!