



## **Seton Catholic School**

### **Updated COVID-19 Policy for 2023-2024**

**As of 12/12/23**

Seton Catholic School will not require masks to be worn during this school year (except when exposed to COVID-19 or after returning from having COVID-19 - **See below**.). We will be continuing other mitigation efforts such as: encouraging thorough handwashing; using hand sanitizer; wiping surfaces with safe disinfectant sprays and wipes; reminding everyone to cover coughs and sneezes; and encouraging everyone to stay home when ill. (Please know that a doctor's excuse is still required after more than 10 absences.)

**Positive COVID-19 Tests** - Parents must notify the school office if their child has COVID-19. Students who test positive for COVID-19, must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms. Then, when they return to school, masks must be worn for 5 more days as a precaution. They will be considered absent during this time, and it will be considered a medical excuse if proof of a current COVID-19 test is presented to the school. (Home tests are acceptable if a picture of the results is provided.) We will no longer offer Google Meet from Home sessions for students with COVID-19, but parents should make arrangements to pick up work at the end of the school day to complete at home, so students will remain on track with their schoolwork.

**Exposure to someone who has COVID-19** - Parents must also notify the school office if someone in the household has COVID-19, since their child/children would be in close contact with their family members. It is no longer necessary, however, to keep children home for being exposed to COVID-19. Students may return to school if they have no symptoms and wear a mask for 5 days as a precaution. Parents will need to monitor their child/children for symptoms and do a COVID-19 test (Home tests are acceptable,) if concerns about COVID-19 are present. If the child does contract COVID-19, the above procedure for positive COVID-19 tests will be followed.

Seton is hoping to have less incidences of COVID-19 this school year, but as you know, COVID is still present in the community. For the safety of all, we will be following the above procedures until further notice. Thank you for your continuing support for Seton. We are aware that these past few years have been very challenging for students, parents, and staff.

Thank you and God bless you,

Mrs. Hess