



January 6, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Community,

We pray you had a blessed Christmas and have a joyous New Year! It has been wonderful seeing all of you back on campus and in-person.

Nazareth School asks for your support and vigilance in continuing to keep our community safe. As a Nazareth community we have seen a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases during the Christmas break and this week. Thank you for keeping your child(ren) home if they are sick or experience any COVID-19 symptoms. We appreciate your open communication about potential exposures and positive results.

The State of California and County of San Diego Health and Human Services have just revised the COVID-19 Decision Tree guidance's. The new guidance states that COVID-19 positive students who are **“able and willing to wear a mask on Days 6 – 10”** may:

“Return on or after Day 6 from onset of symptoms if symptoms are resolving, and free of fever without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours.

On Days 6 – 10, a mask must be worn that fits snugly over the mouth and nose while indoors and when around others outside.”

If the students are **“not able or willing to wear a mask at all times”** must:

“Return on or after Day 11 from onset of symptoms if symptoms have improved, and free of fever without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours.”

In addition, there are significant and detailed changes to the Decision Tree regarding close contacts. Each close contact situation at Nazareth School will be reviewed by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services and give guidance to Nazareth School on how to proceed.

As a reminder, virus symptoms range from mild to severe and can include (but are not limited to): headache, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after initial exposure to COVID-19.

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Anyone experiencing symptoms should self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider. If you're feeling ill, it is recommended that you separate from others in the home, wear a face mask, cover coughs and sneezes, clean hands and surfaces often, and avoid sharing personal items. It is important to constantly monitor for symptoms prior to attending school.

If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms please keep them home and notify Nazareth School at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org) immediately. Please keep your child home until symptoms have improved.

If you have further questions, please visit [nazarethschool.org](http://nazarethschool.org) and click on the "COVID-19" tab in the upper left-hand corner. You will be able to find information regarding free testing sites and the latest Decision Tree. Negative tests must either be emailed to the office or a copy presented upon your return to school. Please check-in with the office in the morning before child goes to class. If child tests positive, please contact Mrs. Coons at [principal@nazarethschool.org](mailto:principal@nazarethschool.org) and the office at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org) or call at 619-641-7987.

God watch over our students,  
God watch over our parents,  
God watch over our teachers and staff!

God Bless,

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