



March 16, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Parents,

This week we received several COVID-19-related updates:

State Strongly Recommends Group Tracing

While the [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California](#) includes recommendations on quarantine, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) strongly recommends that schools utilize the notification-based model provided in [Group Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 Setting](#). Notably, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention similarly no longer recommends individual contact tracing in schools, and instead [recommends](#) appropriate COVID-19 prevention measures and an approach akin to California's group tracing approach. Schools are still required to use individual contact tracing with employees and should continue to require quarantine for household and community exposures.

Updates to the COVID-19 Decision Trees and FAQ

The [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#) and related [frequently asked questions](#) have been updated to reflect the following new guidance from CDPH.

- **Masking:** Students who are authorized to return from isolation or quarantine before Day 11 should (it's no longer a "must") mask indoors and outdoors when around others. However, per Cal/OSHA's emergency temporary standards, employees who are authorized to return from isolation or quarantine before Day 11 must mask indoors and outdoors when around others.
- **Group Tracing:** All students who shared a common airspace for 15 minutes or more with a person who was contagious with COVID-19, including those who are fully vaccinated, must be notified that they should test on days 3, 4, or 5 following their last exposure. However, CDPH now says that students who are within 90 days of a prior verified COVID-19 infection should not test.
- **Confirmation Testing:** When a person receives a negative antigen test result within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, they can now use a second antigen test (or a PCR or other NAAT) taken the following day to confirm the initial finding. If both tests are negative, the person can then return to school or work when they have been free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and their symptoms are improving.
- **Verified Non-COVID-19 Diagnosis:** When a person has symptoms, the school can now accept evidence of a verified diagnosis from a physician of another illness

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that accounts for the symptoms to allow return to school or work when the person has been free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and their symptoms are improving.

Nazareth School has done a phenomenal job navigating the COVID-19 mandates and protocols to keep the entire community safe. We have endured this pandemic with grace, demonstrating the Sisters of Nazareth core values of respect, hospitality, love, justice, compassion, and patience every step of the way.

If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms please keep them home and notify Nazareth School at office@nazarethschool.org immediately. Please keep your child home until symptoms have improved. If you have further questions, please visit 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 and the office at 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,

Mrs. René Coons
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Core Value of March – Compassion

Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate. Luke 6:36

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Nazareth School to teach and guide students from various backgrounds in their spiritual, academic, physical, and social development. As a Catholic institution, Nazareth School community members integrate the charism and core values of the Sisters of Nazareth into the educational experience. It is the school’s aim to nurture mind, body, and spirit in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust in God and to contribute to the larger community through service, worship, and spreading the Gospel message.

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