

Path Forward 2021-22

Bishop Leibold School

Staff and Families:

Here is our latest update of the school's Path Forward plan that focuses on protocols related to the covid pandemic. As you are likely aware, covid trends have been heading in an undesirable direction. This plan represents the latest recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Ohio Department of Health.

This plan is subject to change due to the fluid nature of COVID-19.

Bishop Leibold School will remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. Primary protocols include:

- Per guidance from the CDC and ODH, we strongly recommend that staff and students continue to wear masks indoors while at school, regardless of vaccination status, until the vaccine is available to all members of the BLS community. Bus riders will need to follow the district's protocols.
- Nurse and Admin will wear masks when in proximity of our students.
- We are incorporating a significant amount of extra time into our school day for hand hygiene and sanitization procedures.
- We are practicing social distancing--three feet distance, regular surface cleaning, and all students facing the same direction (no desk clusters).
- Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria. We have added a third lunch period at OLGH to help us spread students out further.
- If you wish for your child to wear a mask indoors at school, simply email your wishes to the teacher and we will help to serve you in this regard.
- Student seating will be assigned in class, at lunch and at Mass to limit the number of exposures when contact tracing is necessary.
- Visitors to our buildings will be required to wear a mask.
- We are continuing to collaborate closely with the state and local health departments to make sure our information and guidelines are the most accurate and up to date.

Vaccinated persons are no longer required to quarantine after an exposure to a positive case of COVID-19. If symptoms begin to develop, guidance will be given by the school nurse and/or local health department. If exposed to a positive case, we will request information regarding vaccination status.

Staff and Student exposure to a positive case within the home (if not

vaccinated): If a student or staff member lives with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or for other reasons is deemed a presumed positive for COVID-19 (including persons using joint or shared custody arrangements), we will continue to issue a mandatory 14 day quarantine.

Students/Staff exposure to a positive case outside the home: If identified as a Close Contact of a person testing positive for COVID-19, other than someone in the student's home, a 10 or 7 day quarantine will be applied.

- Student/staff may return after a negative COVID-19 PCR (non-rapid) test from a sample taken on day 5 or later after last exposure and stay home at least 7-days after last exposure.
[Example: Exposed 12/10 Tested Negative 12/15 Return 12/18](#)
- Student/staff stay home for at least 10 days from the last exposure (no symptoms during that 10 days)
[Example: Exposed 12/10 Return 12/21](#)
- Exposed individuals will need to be monitored for symptoms until the full 14 days is completed.
 - If parents choose to have their child stay home the full 14 days those additional days are excused absences.
- If a staff member or student is unable to or chooses not to collect a negative COVID-19 test as noted above, a ten day quarantine will be applied.
- Bishop Leibold School will always have the option to apply a mandatory 14-day quarantine based on the situation.

When Symptoms Occur

We understand many symptoms of cold and allergies can mimic those of COVID-19. However, if your student exhibits ANY of the following symptoms (per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 symptom list), we advise that your student stay home from school and follow up with your medical provider. **A doctor's note/evaluation or a negative test will be required to return to school.** If you are unable to find medical care for your child, please contact the school office or the school nurse about other options.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. This makes diagnosing COVID-19 particularly difficult without performing a test.

Please monitor your child for the following symptoms and check his or her temperature daily. Do not send your child to school if he or she is exhibiting ANY of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Your child will be sent home from school and asked to follow up with a medical provider if these symptoms are exhibited during the school day. When calling your child in as absent, we request that you give specific information about symptoms so the appropriate follow up can be taken. If your child is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, each situation will be addressed on a case by case basis. If symptoms do not improve, a negative test or doctor's note may be required. We understand that attending school on a regular basis is important for each child's academic and social development. However, your child is too sick to go to school and **must** remain home if any of the listed symptoms are present. We will work with you to make sure your child does not fall behind academically.

Please let your child's school know ASAP if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is quarantining from an exposure to COVID-19.

Students/Staff Diagnosed with COVID-19:

Most persons with a confirmed COVID-19 case may return after

- At least 10 days have past since symptoms first appeared--if unsure of when symptoms appeared we will use the testing date.
 - Fever is resolved for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- AND**
- Symptoms have improved

- Persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses who have not had any symptoms (asymptomatic cases) may discontinue isolation if at least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test. This assumes the case developed **ZERO** symptoms.
- Contact tracing and investigation will be performed on all positive cases in accordance with the Public Health Department of Dayton-Montgomery County.
 - The school community will continue to be notified via Option C of all positive cases in our school population.

Responsibility to Report

Parents are required to notify Bishop Leibold School if your child or any member of your household has tested positive or has been exposed to any confirmed positive case of COVID-19 and placed on quarantine through the Ohio Department of Health/Public Health Department of Montgomery County.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during these unusual times. Our goal is to keep our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.