

Sacred Heart Villa School

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COVID-19 UPDATES:

According to the New York State Department of Health guidance for COVID-19 for schools, as of August 22, 2022, the New York state has updated the COVID-19 protocols for schools.

Based on this information, masking is **optional** for all students and teachers attending school, or individuals attending any school functions. Teachers and students are free to wear a mask at any time.

However, if a student, a teacher or any staff member becomes symptomatic, COVID-19 positive, asymptomatic-COVID 19 positive, it is **recommended** that the individuals (whether a student/teacher/staff) with COVID-19 symptoms take a test to determine if they are COVID-19 positive. If they test positive, the individuals should isolate for five (5) days or until at least 24 hours symptom-free; then mask for five (5) days after return once symptom-free.

Close contact should monitor symptoms and is encouraged to wear a mask for 3 days for precaution. However, if symptoms develop, the individual should follow COVID-19 protocols as stated above.

Conclusively, individuals are **not** required but are encouraged to test in order to return to school/work when symptom-free for 24 hours.

Please know that these COVID-19 protocols are subject to change at any time as it depends on the NYSDOH or NYSED recommendations. Also, follow the COVID – 19 Flow Chart attached to the school handbook.

Thank you always for your cooperation.

Sr. Grace Dike, SCGR