

**St. Thomas the Apostle School Return to School Plan 2021-2022**  
**ADDENDUM**

In order to clarify the policy regarding students who have symptoms of Covid-19, we are making the following additions to our Return to School Plan, located in the “Health Protocol and Screenings – Protocol for Symptomatic Staff and Students” section of the document:

**If your child exhibits TWO OR MORE of the symptoms below, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse for further instructions:**

- Low-grade fever (<100\*)
- Chills
- Rigors (shivers)
- Muscle Aches
- New Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Diarrhea (MAY NOT attend in –person while symptom persists)
- Vomiting (MAY NOT attend in –person while symptom persists)

**If your child exhibits AT LEAST ONE of the symptoms below, keep your child home and notify the school nurse for further instructions:**

- Fever of 100\* or Higher
- New Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- New Loss of Smell
- New Loss of Taste
- New Cough

If any of the above symptoms are observed by the school nurse, the child will be sent home with further instructions. Please note that there are additional symptoms not listed above that may require your child to be sent home and Covid tested. If a child is sent home and it is determined that Covid testing is needed, all siblings will be sent home as well until the test results are received. Please be aware that only the child who is exhibiting symptoms should be tested at this time.

**Close Contact/Potential Exposure: Please contact the school nurse if in the last 14 days:**

- Your child has had close contact with a person with confirmed or presumed Covid-19 positive by a medical professional, or someone is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and has NOT received a negative Covid-19 test following onset of symptoms.
- Someone in your household, including the student, is diagnosed with Covid-19, presumed by a medical professional to have Covid-19, or is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and has NOT received a negative Covid-19 test following the onset of symptoms.
- Your child has traveled to/from a state outside of the immediate area (outside of Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware).
- Your child has traveled to/from an international destination.

*\*Close contact is defined as contact within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period. The NJDOH considers a person potentially infectious up to 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or a positive test.*

If ANY of the above areas pertain to your child, your child should remain home and contact the school nurse for further instructions. If anyone in your household is awaiting Covid test results, all students/siblings must remain home until a negative test result is received. \*Note that this section does not apply if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 90 days (school must have the dated test result on file), or has been fully vaccinated (14 days past a complete vaccination cycle).

#### **Covid-19 Tests**

**St. Thomas the Apostle School will only accept PCR test results.** No rapid test results will be accepted. The test result must be sent to the school nurse BEFORE the child returns to school. Please email results to nurse@sttaob.com.