

# St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School

## COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

### 2021-2022

As of August 18, 2021

<p><b>FACE COVERINGS</b></p>	<p>Iowa law prevents schools from requiring face coverings for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. The CDC, however, recommends universal indoor masking in K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Mask wearing is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep people healthy. Parents should discuss with their child(ren) their family's decision and the importance of respecting the face covering decisions of others.</p>	<p><a href="#">HF847</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-FC</a></p>
<p><b>HAND WASHING</b></p>	<p>The CDC states handwashing is a proven prevention strategy and is one of many important layers of protection for students.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School will utilize reminders and scheduling to promote consistent hand washing throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school building.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-HW</a></p>
<p><b>CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</b></p>	<p>The CDC states proper cleaning and disinfection are important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School will continue cleaning and disinfection efforts throughout the school day including increased cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces, and eating areas.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-C&amp;D</a></p>
<p><b>VENTILATION</b></p>	<p>The CDC recommends multiple strategies for increasing ventilation to maintain a healthy environment at school.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School invested in iWave air purifiers for each furnace in Ossian, and will utilize outdoor spaces when possible.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-V</a></p>
<p><b>WATER FOUNTAINS</b></p>	<p>Water fountains and bottle fillers will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to reduce spread of illness.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-C&amp;D</a></p>
<p><b>VACCINATIONS</b></p>	<p>The CDC and IDPH encourage all eligible Iowans to receive the vaccine.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School does not require staff or students to be vaccinated, but encourages all those eligible to give it their fullest consideration.</p>	<p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC - Vacc</a></p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEERS &amp; VISITORS</b></p>	<p>Volunteers and visitors who have tested positive need to follow isolation requirements and may not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-Q&amp;I</a></p>

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<b>COVID TRACKING &amp; QUARANTINING</b>	<p>IDPH advises exposed children and staff should not be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. When there is a positive case, parents should be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk.</p> <p>As St. Teresa of Calcutta School becomes aware of positive COVID cases within the school community, an email will be sent to the classroom(s)/group(s) affected.</p> <p>Parents who want their child(ren) to quarantine for 14 days when exposed to a positive case should contact the school office to activate our virtual learning option.</p>	<a href="#">IDPH</a> <a href="#">CDC-CT</a>
<b>ISOLATION</b>	<p>Those testing positive for COVID must be excluded from school for 10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms).</p> <p>At St. Teresa of Calcutta School, students and staff must follow the guidelines above after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.</p>	<a href="#">IDPH</a> <a href="#">CDC-Sick at School</a>
<b>STAYING HOME WHEN ILL</b>	<p>Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School asks all parents to stay diligent in keeping students home when ill. School staff will also be asked to stay home with any sign of infectious illness.</p>	<a href="#">CDC-Q&amp;I</a>
<b>MONITORING</b>	<p>The CDC states localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies.</p> <p>St. Teresa of Calcutta School will continue to work with the Winneshiek County Health Department and review guidance from the IDPH, CDC, DE, and Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools.</p>	<a href="#">CDC</a> <a href="#">CDC COVID Data Tracker</a>
<b>VIRTUAL LEARNING</b>	St. Teresa of Calcutta School will offer a virtual learning option for students needing to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Please contact the office and your child's teacher.	