



St. Mary Magdalen School
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UPDATES and CLARIFICATIONS

First, we want to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents who are trying so hard to be vigilant during this unique back to school situation. You are all doing your part to contribute to the success of our reopening plan and it is greatly appreciated. There is a significant learning curve for all of us and we wanted to provide some additional information that may be helpful in the day-to-day screening of your child or children. As part of the school response to Covid 19 as directed by the Chester County Health Department, individuals are considered symptomatic if they have at least **1 symptom from Group A or 2 or more symptoms from Group B**

Group A

Lack of smell or taste (without congestion)
Cough
Shortness of breath
Difficulty breathing

Group B

Fever (oral>100.4, forehead>99.5)
sore throat
chills
muscle pain
fatigue
headache
congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

Who and when can a child(ren) be determined as SICK or as a VIRTUAL LEARNER?

Sick ~

- ❖ If your child is determined as sick, please allow them the time to get better.
- ❖ Work can be sent home with a sibling or left in the front foyer to be picked up at the end of the day.
- ❖ As stated in the handbook, your sick child will be given the same number of days absent to make up their work when they return.
- ❖ Virtual learning will not be provided for a child who is home sick.

Virtual Learner ~

- ❖ You have decided to self-quarantine your child(ren) for a period of 10 days at a time.
- ❖ There is a suspected case of Covid 19 within your household.
- ❖ There is a positive case of Covid 19 in your household.
- ❖ Your family has been in contact with someone outside your household that may be showing symptoms or is positive.
- ❖ You have contacted the pediatrician and the doctor is recommending quarantine. A note from the doctor is required in order to return to school. If a child is cleared to return to school before the ten day quarantine by a doctor, the child(ren) may return with the note from the doctor stating as such.
- ❖ Traveling to a "Hot Spot" that has been identified as such by the PA Department of Health. (check the DOH website)

PROCEDURES

1. All absences **MUST** be reported to the school nurse. A note must be brought to school upon their return. A doctors note is required if your child was seen by a doctor.
2. If **VIRTUAL LEARNING** is necessary, send an **EMAIL** to the school nurse, your child's teachers, the vice-principal and principal.
nurse@stmarymagdalen.net
jroehrig@stmarymagdalen.net
principal@stmarymagdalen.net
3. Virtual learning will begin **24 hours** from the time of the email notice, so that teachers have sufficient time to prepare for your child to be virtual.
4. Parents must pick-up books/materials from the school between **3:00pm and 4:00pm** the day before Virtual Learning begins.

WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CALL YOUR DOCTOR OR MRS. BONSALL.

As you can see, many of these symptoms mimic common childhood illnesses so it can be hard to differentiate. Add in colds, allergies, etc. and it can become very confusing. I am happy to help with navigating this part of the process. Please call me with any questions, your list of symptoms for your child or any other concerns. I am here to help and if I cannot answer your particular question, we can utilize our contact at the health department for additional guidance.

Stay healthy and continue to be vigilant,

Mrs. Tara Bonsall, RN

Cc: Ms. Denise Winterberger, Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Roehrig, Vice Principal