



# COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

## 2021-2022

As of August 6, 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>Xavier Catholic Schools encourages but does not require mask-wearing; it is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep our students 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>Face coverings may be required at school masses held in a church building at the discretion of the pastor and following local parish practices.</p>	<p><a href="#">HF847</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-FC</a></p> <p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p>
<p><b>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</b></p>	<p>The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students when possible.</p> <p>Xavier Catholic Schools will work to maintain 3 feet of distance within the school setting whenever possible.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC-PD</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>Xavier Catholic Schools 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>Xavier Catholic Schools 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>Xavier Catholic Schools has invested in air purification devices for each classroom, has routine professional checks of HVAC equipment, 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><a href="#">CDC-C&amp;D</a></p>

	Xavier Catholic Schools students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to reduce the spread of illness.	
<b>VACCINATIONS</b>	<p>The CDC and IDPH encourage all eligible Iowans to receive the vaccine.</p> <p>Xavier Catholic Schools 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>
<b>VOLUNTEERS &amp; VISITORS</b>	<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>Volunteers and visitors of Xavier Catholic Schools who have tested positive will need to follow isolation requirements and not come on-site for a minimum of 10 days.</p>	<a href="#">CDC-Q&amp;I</a>
<b>COVID TRACKING &amp; QUARANTINING</b>	<p>IDPH advises that 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 Xavier Catholic Schools become aware of positive COVID cases within the school community, an email will be sent to the classroom(s)/group(s) affected.</p> <p>Following IDPH guidance, Xavier Catholic Schools tracks all student illnesses (Influenza, COVID-19, Norovirus, etc) on a daily basis. XCS will communicate with the school community and IDPH when more than 10% of our students are absent due to illness.</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>	<p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-CT</a></p>
<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 Xavier Catholic Schools, students and staff must follow the guidelines above after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.</p>	<p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-Sick at School</a></p>
<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>Xavier Catholic Schools 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>Xavier Catholic Schools will continue to work with the Linn County Health Department and review guidance from the IDPH, CDC, DE, and Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools.</p>	<p><a href="#">CDC</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC COVID Data Tracker</a></p>

<p><b>VIRTUAL LEARNING</b></p>	<p>Being at school in person is important to spiritual, social, emotional, and academic development and success. With the hard work and dedication of families and schools, we were able to make in-person learning a reality for the entire 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>Short Term: Each Xavier Catholic School will offer a short-term virtual learning option for students needing to isolate or quarantine. When a student is deemed in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, a parent must notify the school if your family chooses to quarantine. The school office will provide information about short-term virtual learning.</p> <p>Long Term: Xavier Catholic Schools will offer a long-term virtual learning option for a student with a specific COVID-19 health concern (ie: underlying health condition, etc.). Those interested need to contact the school office for more information.</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p>	<p>All students on any form of school transportation are required by federal law to wear face coverings.</p> <p>Students are not required to wear face coverings in private vehicles, even when transporting for school purposes.</p>	<p><a href="#">IDPH</a></p> <p><a href="#">USDE</a></p> <p><a href="#">CDC-Transportation</a></p>