



COVID-19 General Guidelines for Catholic Schools 2022-2023 Academic Year

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“No matter how small, love is always grand.” - Pope Francis

This document is meant to help condense the COVID-19 requirements and recommendations for the 2022-2023 academic year. As always, this document may be updated at any time based on changes to mandates from the county or state. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Diego will be guided by the same three principles that have governed our decisions throughout the pandemic: Adherence to Catholic moral teaching; protecting the health of our students, faculty and staff; and respect for the law. While the restrictions are lessening please know that the love we are showing for our community is always grand. Please know that the Office for Schools is here to support you as we continue to navigate the uncertainties of the pandemic.

At this time:

- [The Diocese recommends, but **does not require**, vaccines for eligible students.](#)
- [The Diocese **does not require** the indoor use of masks and certain social distancing measures to protect students and staff in Catholic schools.](#)
- [All faculty, staff, and volunteers to be vaccinated or be tested weekly \(antigen accepted\).](#)
- All Catholic schools in the county of San Diego and Imperial must adhere to [CDPH Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#), COVID-19 Decision Tree and COVID-19 reporting protocols.
- All schools in the Diocese of San Diego will adhere to County and State required mandates.
- All schools in the Diocese of San Diego will also continue to [report positive cases](#) in schools to the Office for Schools.

[CDPH Guidance for K-12 Schools to Support Safe In-Person Learning, 2022-2023 School Year](#)

- There are no big changes to the CDPH Guidance for 2022-2023 school year. The document clarifies required versus recommended actions. All bullet points above align with this guidance.

[County of San Diego General Guidelines for Schools](#)

[Guidance for communicating with San Diego County Epidemiology Branch \(Updated 3-9-21\)](#)

San Diego [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#) 6.28.22

Imperial [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#) 7.7.22



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Changes to the definition of 'close contact' and its application in Cal/OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standards are reflected in the latest [COVID-19 decision tree](#), updated June 28, 2022. The [Spanish version](#) is also current.

[COVID-19 Decision Trees FAQ](#)

[English PDF](#)

[Spanish PDF](#)

[SDCOE Guidance and Best Practices](#): The San Diego County Office of Education has created this list of documents and resources. Please note they might be updating some of these documents by the end of this summer.

- [Mask upgrade recommendation and guidance due to Omicron variant](#) (1-12-22)
- [Common Side Effects of Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (current)
- [COVID-19 Testing Guidelines/Matrix](#) (posted 8-17-21)
- [Notification regarding exertive activities after COVID-19 positive](#) (one general letter to parents; another for students known to have had COVID) (posted 4-14-21)
- [Guidance for communicating with San Diego County Epidemiology Branch](#) (updated 3-9-21)
- [Guidance on Contact Tracing - Process For and Working With San Diego County School Response Team](#) (posted 1-8-21)
- [Guidance on Contagion and Immunity After COVID-19 Disease or Immunization](#) (posted 12-15-20)
- [School Responsibilities in Support of Contact Tracing](#) (posted 12-14-20)
- [Certification of Chronic Medical Condition by Doctor Form](#) (English/Spanish - updated 11-6-20)
- [Human Monkeypox Website & FAQs](#) (Posted 7-22-22)

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