

Introduction

St. Coletta's 2022-2023 Health and Safety Plan outlines daily protocols that focus on the health and safety of our students and staff. St. Coletta will follow routine health and hygiene practices in order to mitigate the spread of illness as well as implement a tiered set of guidelines for COVID-19 response that will be determined by the rate of COVID-19 spread within the District of Columbia community. District law requires schools to verify student compliance with pediatric immunization requirements as part of enrollment and attendance. In addition to typical childhood vaccinations, any student age 16 or older at the start of the 2022-2023 school year must also have received their primary COVID-19 vaccination series (or be proceeding in accordance with the series) or they, too, will be subject to OSSE's immunization attendance policies. Students may only attend school for 20 school days without proof of immunization. If St. Coletta does not have documentation that your child has received the required immunizations, we will send home a written notice stating that you have 20 school days to present proof of immunization or your child will not be allowed to return to school until we proof has been received. For more information, families can access the [District of Columbia Immunization Attendance Policy | osse \(dc.gov\)](#) by clicking on this link. This plan was developed in accordance with the guidance provided by DC Health, which can be accessed here: [DC Health guidance](#).

General Health and Safety Practices

- Receipt of Required Immunizations
 - **Ages 2-3:**
 - 4 doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
 - 3 doses of Polio
 - 1 dose Varicella if no history of chickenpox
 - 1 dose of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 - 3 doses of Hepatitis B
 - 2 doses of Hepatitis A
 - 3 or 4 doses* of Hib (Haemophilus Influenza Type B)
 - 4 doses of PCV (Pneumococcal)
 - **Ages 4-6:**
 - all vaccinations listed under 2-3 years of age
 - 1 dose of Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Pertussis (DTaP)
 - 1 dose of Polio
 - 1 dose of Varicella if no history of chickenpox
 - 1 dose of Measles/Mumps/ Rubella (MMR)
 - **Ages 7-10:**
 - all vaccinations listed under 2-3 and 4-6 years of age

- **Ages 11-16:**
 - All vaccinations listed under 2-3 and 4-6 years of age
 - 1 dose of Tdap
 - 2 doses of Meningococcal (Men ACWY)
 - 2 or 3 doses of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)
- **At age 12**
 - Full Course of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine series
- **Ages 16+:**
 - All vaccinations listed under 2-3, 4-6 and 11-16 years of age
 - Full Course of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine series

*All Students ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to receive an ANNUAL FLU VACCINE

➤ Everyday prevention measures (regardless of COVID-19 Community Level):

- COVID-19 vaccination
- Staying home when sick
- COVID-19 diagnostic testing
- Isolation (for symptomatic or COVID-19 positive people)
- Quarantine (for people exposed to COVID-19)
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Optimizing indoor ventilation and air quality
- Cleaning and disinfection

➤ Daily Facility Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Desks, hands-on learning items, light switches, and door knobs will be cleaned daily
- Each classroom will have a supply of sanitizer wipes and disinfectant spray
- After students exit the building, staff will clean and wipe down each student's personal space and equipment used for the day
- All classrooms and offices have air purifier
- The after-hours cleaning company will come in to thoroughly clean and sanitize each classroom, floors, carpet areas, office space, windows, bathrooms, etc.

➤ **Hand Hygiene**

- Daily Hand Washing

- Before and after all meals; snacks included
- Upon arrival
- After using the restroom or toileting
- When changing or taking off masks
- After blowing your nose, sneezing, and coughing
- After touching trash cans
- After coming in from outdoors
- Hand sanitizing dispensers are installed in high-traffic areas in the building
- Continue sufficient handwashing techniques (ex. counting and singing for 20 sec)

➤ **Close Contact Identification and Reporting**

- **Contact identification and communication**
 - When a case of COVID-19 is identified at a school or childcare facility, contact identification will be carried out by the COVID-19 administration to identify and dismiss potential close contacts.
 - The COVID-19 Administrator will notify individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at the facility by phone and e-mail.
 - Contact identification will focus on COVID-19 cases who started having symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 5 days.
 - Contact notification will focus on those who were exposed in the last 5 days.
 - Schools and childcare facilities will share the following with potentially exposed staff and parents/guardians of potentially exposed students:
 - Education about COVID-19, including the signs and symptoms of COVID-19
 - Referral to Guidance for Close Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19: Quarantine and Testing, available at coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance
 - Information on options for COVID-19 testing in the District of Columbia, available at coronavirus.dc.gov/testing.
 - The privacy of the staff or student will be maintained.

- **Reporting**
 - St. Coletta's COVID-19 Administrator will notify DC Health if there have been 25 or more confirmed COVID-19 cases tied to a single event that occurred at or was hosted/sponsored by the facility.
 - DC Health will be notified by submitting an online form on the DC Health COVID-19 Reporting Requirements website
 - DC Health will be notified on the same day the outbreak was reported to the facility

Tiered Response Plan

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

Community spread level will be identified using the CDC resources located at [COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

➤ **Low Community Spread**

- Masking:
 - Masks optional
 - Health and Hygiene procedures in place
 - COVID vaccinations required for students 12 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
 - COVID vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11
 - No daily health screening required, but symptoms should be monitored and staff/students should remain home if symptomatic
 - On-site Rapid antigen and PCR testing as requested
 - Cleaning, sanitizing
 - Optimal ventilation throughout building

- Close Contact Protocol
 - Testing with Rapid Antigen Test on Day 5 if close contact is at school (unvaccinated/not up-to-date)
 - May return to school immediately and then test with Rapid Antigen on Day 5 if close contact is at home (student/staff is vaccinated)
 - Must Quarantine for 5 days and test with Rapid Antigen if contact is at home (student/staff is unvaccinated)
 - Revised definition of close contact to be in accordance with CDC guidelines based on staff/student report

- COVID positive case
 - Continue 10-day isolation at home

➤ **Medium Community Spread**

- Masking:
 - Masks required indoors, masks not required outdoors

- Health and Hygiene procedures in place:

- COVID vaccinations required for students 16 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
 - COVID vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11
 - Daily health screening required
 - Limited social distancing (lunches/specials to be held in the classroom)
 - On-site Rapid antigen and PCR testing as requested
 - Cleaning, sanitizing
 - Optimal ventilation throughout building
- Surveillance Testing
 - Weekly PCR testing for students and staff
- Close Contact Protocol
 - Testing with Rapid Antigen Test each day for 5 days if close contact is at school (unvaccinated/not up-to-date)
 - Must Quarantine for 5 days and test with Rapid Antigen if contact is at home (student/staff is unvaccinated)
 - Revised definition of close contact to be in accordance with CDC guidelines based on staff/student report
- COVID positive individual
 - Continue 10-day isolation at home

➤ **High**

- Masking
 - Masks required indoors and outside
- Health and Hygiene Procedures
 - COVID vaccinations required for students 12 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
 - COVID vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11
 - Daily health screening required

- Social distancing (desks 6 feet apart, maintain physical space as possible, students remain in cohorts, movement across school limited, separate bathroom spaces, specials and meals to be held in classrooms)
 - On-site Rapid antigen and PCR testing as requested
 - Cleaning, sanitizing
 - Optimal ventilation throughout building

- Surveillance Testing
 - Weekly PCR surveillance testing for students and staff

- Close Contact Protocol
 - Quarantining at home and testing on Day 5 with a PCR test to return regardless of vaccination status and location of exposure
 - Reinstating of contact-tracing across school
 - Definition of close contact updated to include classroom and all individuals who spent more than 15 minutes in the classroom

- COVID positive case
 - Continue 10-day isolation at home