



### **Introduction**

St. Coletta’s 2023-2024 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 hospitalizations 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 2023-2024 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 (Hemophilus 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 Hospital Admission Level):

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

➤ Daily Facility Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Desktops, 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](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance)
    - Information on options for COVID-19 testing in the District of Columbia, available at [coronavirus.dc.gov/testing](https://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**

Community Hospital Admission Levels will be identified using the CDC resources located at [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Maps by Geographic Area](#)

### ➤ **Low COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level**

- Health and Hygiene procedures in place
  - COVID-19 vaccinations required for students 12 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
  - COVID-19 vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11
  - On-site Rapid antigen 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
  - Follow definition of close contact in accordance with CDC guidelines based on staff/student report
  
- COVID positive case
  - Isolate for five (5) days at home

### ➤ **Medium COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level**

- Masking:
  - Masking is recommended if individual is at risk for getting very sick
  
- Health and Hygiene procedures in place:
  - COVID-19 vaccinations required for students 16 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
  - COVID-19 vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11

- On-site Rapid antigen testing as requested
- Cleaning, sanitizing
- Optimal ventilation throughout building
- Close Contact Protocol
  - Testing with Rapid Antigen Test 5 days post exposure
  - Revised definition of close contact to be in accordance with CDC guidelines based on staff/student report
- COVID-19 positive individual
  - Continue 5-day isolation at home

➤ **High COVID-19 Hospital Admission**

- Masking
  - Masks recommended indoors
- Health and Hygiene Procedures
  - COVID-19 vaccinations required for students 12 and older and for all staff (up-to-date vaccination booster recommended)
  - COVID-19 vaccination recommended for students aged 3-11
  - specials and meals to be held in classrooms)
  - On-site Rapid antigen testing as requested
  - Cleaning, sanitizing
  - Optimal ventilation throughout building
  - Follow guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
- Close Contact Protocol
  - Testing with Rapid Antigen Test 5 days post exposure
  - Revised definition of close contact to be in accordance with CDC guidelines based on staff/student report
- COVID-19 positive individual
  - Continue 5-day isolation at home