

## **St A COVID – 19 Illness Procedures**

### **Definitions:**

**Close Contact:** Individuals who have been within 6 feet of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 for a consecutive period of 15 minutes or more. Anyone with a close contact is advised to seek medical care as soon as possible.

**The Following Procedures were developed in accordance with guidance from the Iowa Dept of Ed, the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Buchanan County Health Department.**

### **When a Student or Staff Member has a Close Contact with a Positive Covid-19 case:**

The student and his/her entire household must remain in quarantine for a period of 14 days. If the student tests negative for Covid-19 after a close contact, the household must still remain in quarantine for 14 days. If, after 14 days, no symptoms have developed, the child may return to school.

### **If a Student or Staff Member tests Positive for Covid-19 and/or a Student Develops Symptoms After a Close Contact with a Positive Covid-19 case (presumed Positive):**

The student and his/her household must remain in isolation and may return to school only when both of these are true:

- 1) it has been 10 days since the symptoms first appeared AND
- 2) the student has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication

If a student or staff member at school has a positive Covid-19 test, contact tracing will occur and all close contacts will be notified so they may enter quarantine. It is advised families seek medical care when notified of a close contact from any source.

Please remember that the school is bound by confidentiality laws. We cannot divulge names or personally identifying information, however we can and will tell you if your student has had a close contact with a Positive Covid-19 case.