

COVID Update: September 7, 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last year, on the Tuesday after Labor Day, we had one student out sick, and that was for a chronic illness. No students were quarantined for Close Contact, and no students were sick with COVID.



This year, we have one positive case of COVID, a total of 15 students have been quarantined so far for Close Contact (nine of them just over this weekend), and another eleven are home with viral symptoms that may or may not be COVID. Seven of those intend to get tested.

I'm told it's hard to get a COVID test right now. Given that Clermont County's positivity rate has gone up, and the 7-day average of cases has skyrocketed, it's no wonder. **If you're looking for a COVID test, try this site to find one.** You may have to drive farther, but you will be able to get a test.

Remember: If your child exhibits any symptoms, please keep him or her home and consult your doctor. Symptoms include headache, stomach ache, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sniffles, cough, sore throat, fatigue, general achiness and "allergy" symptoms.

[Get The Shot Ohio](#)

Data Used to Support In-Person Learning

1 st Metric: Clermont County		2 nd Metric: Clermont County		3 rd Metric: St. Bernadette School data		
7 Day Sum of Daily New Cases	Goal: <10	Percent of COVID tests that are positive	Goal: <5% (CDC) <3% (Harvard)	Cumulative COVID cases	Isolated (sick)	Quarantined (well) Current
8/2/2021	218	8/23/2021	8.2%	0	0	3
↑ 8/30/2021	247	↑ 8/30/2021	9%	0	0	6
↑↑ 9/7/2021	539	↑ 9/7/2021	12.7%	1	1	15

The above chart shows how quickly the cases are climbing in our county. Because the case rates (247 vs. 539) and positivity rates (9% vs. 12.7%) are in the red zone, it is widely accepted that many COVID cases are going undetected and/or unreported. If you suspect you or your child may have COVID *please* get tested. It is helpful to know if a child has tested positive; antibodies after a COVID illness can protect them for up to 90 days, but a positive test is necessary first.

VACCINES are STRONGLY encouraged.

We received 125 responses to our Vaccine Survey.



Of those responding, 60% have vaccinated their 12-15 year-olds, and 70% of the people 16 and older are vaccinated. However, our overall vaccination rate is only 42% because we serve so many children under 12 years of age. Children are experiencing the Delta variant at a higher rate than the original COVID virus. The best way to protect those too young to be vaccinated is to make sure

the people around them ARE vaccinated. If you have questions about the vaccine for 12-15 year-olds, or are concerned the vaccine may have serious consequences, [see the latest information from Children's Hospital.](#)

Unlike some childhood illness vaccines, COVID and flu vaccinations are a personal choice for school attendance. Like all vaccinations, though, the rate of vaccination impacts the safety of the general population. We continue to encourage families to consider COVID and flu vaccinations. We consider it a responsible community service to remind the public and encourage behavior for the public good.

All Volunteers and Staff must register with SafeParish.

The Archdiocese is now using SafeParish exclusively for safe environment compliance as of July 9. Even if you have a Virtus account, you must open an account with SafeParish. Virtus accounts are no longer being used. Instructions for setting up your SafeParish account are [HERE](#). New to volunteering? You start by opening a SafeParish account, get the needed on-line training, and learn about any required background checks. Click on the link to get started!

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[SafeParish instructions](#)

[Schoolbelles \(code S1952\)](#)

[Mind-Peace \(for mental health providers, click on Search for Providers\)](#)

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[Virtues in Practice \(at home materials - Year I, Year of Faith\)](#)

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[1n5 Foundation \(great mental health information\)](#)

