

AQUINAS: ILLNESS RESPONSE PLAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Aquinas Catholic Schools will monitor current illness risks and base school-level response decisions on absence trends, local medical professional information, school-level Crisis Team recommendations, and other relevant health guidance. They will adapt policies as necessary to meet required government regulations. The following is a chart of general response procedures.

Action Areas and Risk Level	Level 1		Level 2 (Elevated Precautions) More than 15% of staff/students affected		Level 3 More than 25% of staff/students affected	
	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Middle/High School</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Middle/High School</i>	<i>Elem.</i>	<i>MS/HS</i>
At Home Screenings: Staff and students should be <u>fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.</u>						
Students need to be in school by 8:30 AM in order to practice or participate in activities.						
Classroom Groupings (including arrival and departure)	Normal groupings within and across classrooms as beneficial.		Classroom groupings will be decreased to create smaller contact groups. Students seated according to reading groups and/or line order. Line order used when transitioning classes, attending Mass, lunch, etc.	Assigned seating when possible. Increase distance between students.	Additional distancing and limited groupings.	
Sanitizing	Sanitize desks and common touch points weekly including technology devices.		Sanitize desks, and common areas twice daily. Sanitize devices daily.	Sanitize desks every 2 periods and devices daily.	Deep sanitization of school buildings and other measures as needed based on the current situation.	
Lunchroom Procedures	No restrictions. Follow standard school guidelines.		Spread students out as much as possible.	Spread students out as possible.	Eliminating common items or self-access items at lunch	
Water Fountains	Normal use.		Students will have access to bottle fillers only. No use of the drinking fountains. Please ensure students have a water bottle.			
Visitor Policies	No restrictions. Follow standard school guidelines.		Screen visitor, sanitize hands, and maintain distance when in the building.			
Assemblies and Group Gatherings	No restrictions. Follow standard school guidelines.		Classrooms sit in assigned order and groupings. Space between groups.	Group presentations and meetings limited to smaller groupings (classrooms, grade levels, last name groups, etc.)	Additional distancing and limited groupings as needed.	
Transportation	No restrictions. Follow standard school guidelines.		Assigned seating on all routes.			
Activities	No restrictions. Follow standard school guidelines.		Apply school guidelines above as possible.	Apply school guidelines above as possible. See NSAA guidelines.	See NSAA guidelines.	