



## STMA COVID POLICY 2021-2022 (as of 8.7.2021)\*

**St. Thomas More Academy will not require masks or COVID vaccination.**

We encourage those eligible to get vaccinated and suggest that students, faculty, and staff consider wearing masks in tightly congested/high traffic areas such as hallways, small spaces where social distancing is not possible, and in vehicles.

**Parents MUST keep students at home that show any signs or symptoms of illness.** This is still our first and best line of defense against the spread of illness. Symptoms include (but are not limited to) upset stomach, nausea, diarrhea, diminished senses of taste/smell, conjunctivitis, sneezing, coughing, congestion, sore throat, and fever.

Students that show signs or symptoms of illness at school will be sent home immediately and will wear a mask until they leave campus.

Proper hygiene goes a long way toward preventing the spread of illness, especially sneezing/coughing into the arm (not hands), washing hands with soap and water, and avoiding contact with eyes, nose, and mouth.

### QUARANTINE POLICY

**Unvaccinated students who have had prolonged, intimate (within six feet) exposure, *without a mask*, with someone that tests positive for COVID need to quarantine for the virus incubation period (5 days) and procure a COVID test.** If the student is not symptomatic and tests negative for COVID, the student may return to school.

*Prolonged - more than 10 minutes. For example, a long carpool ride with no mask, windows up, spending the night at a friend's house, etc.*

**Vaccinated students do not need to quarantine.** However, depending on possible exposure level to COVID positive individuals, we ask that they consider wearing a mask for 14 days to see if break through symptoms develop, out of an abundance of caution. Misrepresentation about vaccination could be grounds for dismissal from the school as a violation of the honor code.

**If a student tests positive for COVID, they must stay home for at least ten days, be symptom free for 24 hours without medication, and test negative for COVID before returning to school.** This same policy holds for unvaccinated students if a family member in the home contracts the virus.

If a student becomes symptomatic but tests negative for COVID, they may return to school as soon as they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication.

**\*These policies are subject to change at any time.**