

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MIDDLE SCHOOL

COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between an A (unexcused) or E (excused) absence?

The attendance policy has been updated this year to not restrict student absences. We want students who are sick to stay home. Please know that there is no homework or academic penalty of any kind if your student is marked excused or unexcused. These two codes mean the same thing academically. An A is reserved for parental discretion absences such as vacations, sporting events, family visits, non-required Covid-19 absences. An E is reserved for medical appointments, student illness, hospitalizations, severe family illness.

Should I worry if my student is marked unexcused absent?

No, please do not be concerned. Teachers can only mark students unexcused absent. Any correction if necessary, will be made later by the office. As previously stated there are no academic penalties for an unexcused absence.

What happens if my student is home sick?

In these cases please email the office via msattendance@skaggscatholiccenter.org. In the email please state your student will be absent. These situations are considered an absence not remote learning.

What happens if I want to keep my student home because I am worried about Covid-19?

We respect parent/guardian decisions to keep a student home. In these cases please email the office via msattendance@skaggscatholiccenter.org. In the email please state the dates your student will be absent. These situations are considered an absence not a quarantine or remote learning. Absences will be marked with the A attendance code. This allows us to appropriately track students not in attendance that are required to be absent vs parent choice.

How do I pick my student up early from school?

If you need to pick your student up during the school day you will need to email msattendance@skaggscatholiccenter.org and state you are picking up your student early. Once you arrive at school, call the main office at 801-984-7614 to have your student released from class. You will also need to come to the north door of the middle school and use the door buzzer, your student will then be allowed to leave. Please remember only parents/guardians and emergency contacts are allowed to pick up students.

What happens if my student is required to quarantine?

Quarantine means students do not leave home for any reason except for essential medical care. Students are not allowed to go to school, shopping, public places, other people's homes,

etc. School work will be accessible via Canvas and may return to school when quarantine is over.

If my student is asked to quarantine can we take a Covid-19 test and return to school before the end of the quarantine period?

In specific situations there may be an option to leave quarantine prior to the end of the 14 day period. If this applies to your student you will be notified. Most quarantine situations will require the full 14 day quarantine.

What happens if my student is positive for Covid-19?

If your student receives a positive test you must notify the school administration. Positive students will need to isolate. Isolation is for sick people or people who have tested positive for Covid-19. Everyone in the household should quarantine except to get medical care. You can find more information on isolation at <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/protect-yourself/>.

What happens if a member of the family tests positive for Covid-19 but my student is negative?

If you have a household member who receives a positive test you must notify the school administration. Positive members will need to isolate. Isolation is for sick people or people who have tested positive for Covid-19. Everyone in the household should quarantine except to get medical care.

Who needs to be tested for Covid-19?

Get tested if you have 1 or more of the following symptoms: (cough, shortness of breath, difficult breathing, fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, or loss of taste or smell).

Get tested if you have 2 or more of the following symptoms: (headache, muscle pain, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea).

My student doesn't feel well but they don't have a fever or cough. Can they still come to school?

No, please keep your student home if they are not feeling well. Keeping our school community healthy is our priority.

If my student is home not feeling well, can they remote learn?

Remote learning is a designation for students who have been approved for online learning by administration for an extended period of time due to various circumstances. In person students who are sick are listed as absent and can access classwork via Canvas. Upon returning to school students should meet with their teachers to discuss any work that needs to be done.