



Diocese of Crookston goals to COVID mitigation planning are to:

- Make decisions locally by monitoring and using data to implement measured responses accordingly.
- Be aware that the local reality is fluid and that requires agility and flexibility in our plans.
- Evaluate all decisions with emphasis on providing the best possible environment for our students, faculty, and staff to learn and work.
- Keep our students and teachers in their classroom for in-person learning throughout the year.
- Actively collaborate with our diocese, local agencies, and other schools.
- Make the mission of your school embedded in all your words and actions.

The levels listed below will be changed in consultation with the local COVID-19 team. Data points to consider will include county data (14- day case rate, community transmission, and location of community cases) and school community data (positive staff and student numbers, counts by cohort, and staff outages). Levels are identified by each local school. A school may determine the level based on where criteria exists at the highest level. For example, if a criteria statement exists within level 2 but not in level 3, the school will identify in level 2 and implement mitigation responses accordingly. The school will identify and communicate through regular updates, the level of which they are operating.

Level	Criteria	Mitigation Response	Operational Practice
LEVEL 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are minimal/10,000 based on county COVID Dashboard. • No positive COVID cases identified within the school community over a 14-day period. • No transmission identified in the school community. • Positive compliance with MDH Decision Tree for keeping child(ren) home if presenting symptoms of illness related to COVID and/or fulfilling quarantine guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks / Face Covering - Required during all bus/public transportation (federal mandate). Parent / Guardian decision for masking during the school day. • Quarantine / Isolation – Consult with local public health to determine the level of quarantine necessary considering local transmission rates. • Health Screening - Household affirms child(ren) are not symptomatic of COVID before attending school. • Cohorting – Implemented at the local school to meet needs and varying scenarios. • Cleaning / Disinfecting - Implementation of disinfecting and personal hygiene best practices in each school. • Ventilation - Assure the school has appropriate ventilation throughout spaces used by students and staff. • Guests and Visitors - Welcome in the school and Mass with health screening in place. 	
LEVEL 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are less than 50/10,000 based on County COVID Dashboard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks / Face Covering - Required during all bus/public transportation (federal mandate). Parent / Guardian decision for masking during school day. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 5% positive COVID cases identified within the school community over a 14-day period. • No transmission identified in the school community. • Increasing lack of compliance with MDH Decision Tree for keeping child(ren) home if presenting symptoms of illness related to COVID and/or fulfilling quarantine guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine / Isolation - Implementation of MDH Decision Tree for students / staff that are symptomatic or considered a close contact. Shortened quarantine option available with affirmation of appropriate testing. • Health Screening - Household affirms that child(ren) are not symptomatic of COVID before attending school. • Cohorting - Implemented at the local school to meet needs and varying scenarios. • Cleaning / Disinfecting - Implementation of disinfecting and personal hygiene best practices in school. • Ventilation - Assure the school has appropriate ventilation throughout spaces used by students and staff. • Guests and Visitors - Limited to essential school operation, health screening in place, guests and visitors need to be masked or distanced in Mass or not recommended. 	
<p>LEVEL 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates are greater than 50/10,000 based on County COVID Dashboard. • 5% or more of the total school enrollment is positive with Covid and/or 3 students from any one classroom/cohort are diagnosed in a 14- day window. • Transmission identified within a school. • Lack of compliance with MDH Decision Tree for keeping child(ren) home if presenting symptoms of illness related to COVID and/or fulfilling quarantine guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks / Face Covering - Required during all bus/public transportation (federal mandate) and during the school day for students, staff, and visitors. Exceptions are during lunch/snack, physical activity, and when outdoors. • Quarantine / Isolation - Implementation of MDH Decision Tree for students / staff that are symptomatic or considered a close contact. Shortened quarantine option available with affirmation of appropriate testing. • Health Screening - Household affirms child(ren) are not symptomatic of COVID before attending school. • Cohorting - Implemented at the local school to meet needs and varying scenarios. • Cleaning / Disinfecting - Implementation of disinfecting and personal hygiene best practices in each school. • Ventilation - Assure school has appropriate ventilation throughout spaces used by students and staff. • Guests and Visitors - Limited to essential school operation, health screening in place, no guests or visitors at Mass. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID Testing Option - Students / Families who would like to have COVID screening test completed, the school will offer information on how and where to obtain testing. Some schools may offer an onsite option through a grant at the MDH. Testing type will depend on availability.	
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If a student has a lab- confirmed COVID diagnosis:

1. That student will need to stay home 10 days from the start of symptoms or positive test result.
2. Will contact trace for that student. Those students determined to be close contacts will be placed on an “in-house” quarantine/symptom monitoring list, maintained by local school.
3. Call the parents of the students determined to be close contacts. Will send home a parent info sheet informing them of a positive case.
4. If any of the students on the “in-house” quarantine list develop even one symptom of COVID, they will be sent home for 10 days and/or a COVID test, or receive an alternate diagnosis to return to school.