

COVID-19 POLICIES FOR OUR LADY OF MERCY CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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Overview

Due to the current and ongoing public health concerns, Our Lady of Mercy Confirmation Preparation attendance will require adjustments to the way Sacramental prep is traditionally administered by all members of our community. As the state of the public health changes so may these policies.

Sending a child to Confirmation confirms that the child is in good health. Therefore, it is expected that parents perform a personal health screening to include temperature and symptom checks each morning prior to arriving at the small group leader's home. Our Lady of Mercy will comply with all health information reporting and sanitization methods mandated by civil and diocesan authorities.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Leaders and students experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC should stay home and seek medical care.

Face Coverings

It is required that all leaders and students aged 5 and up wear a face covering at all times. Face coverings should be clean. Students who forget their face covering will be provided with a temporary one. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. Face coverings should not distract from the small group experience and be appropriate for Confirmation Prep.

Health Screenings to Enter Campus

Sending a child to Confirmation confirms that the child is in good health. Therefore, it is expected that parents perform a personal health screening to include temperature and symptom check each morning prior to coming to small group. All leaders are also required to perform a personal temperature and symptom check each morning prior to students arriving for small group.

Illness While at Confirmation

Any student identified as having symptoms related to COVID-19 will be isolated and must be picked up immediately by a parent/guardian. In order to return to Confirmation, the child will need a medical note clearing their return.

COVID-19 Positive Tests

In the event a student or leader tests positive for COVID-19 within 48-hours of having attended small group, the parents and/or leader must notify the Confirmation Coordinator immediately.

Any student or small group leader who has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for or is diagnosed with COVID-19 may not attend Confirmation and may not return until 10 days after the date of exposure (date of last close contact + 10 days).

Any student or leader who has had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or who has been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks will not be required to quarantine following a known exposure if not experiencing symptoms. For the most current information on being fully vaccinated, please visit the CDC's website.

Social Distancing

Students and leaders will be required to maintain then-current social distancing protocols whenever possible. Leaders will have the final say regarding when social distancing is or is not able to be observed.