

Immanuel Lutheran School COVID Protocol

Immanuel Lutheran will operate following the plan outlined below for the 2021-2022 school year. As required by law, this plan will be reviewed at least every six (6) months. This review will include the Board of Education and Immanuel Lutheran Church as well as community, staff and students.

Updates to the ILS Operational COVID Protocols

- **Face Coverings:** Properly fitting face coverings are optional for all staff, students, and visitors when indoors and in crowded settings. Students, staff, and visitors are welcome to wear face coverings if they choose to do so. The COVID-19 vaccine is not required or tracked by Immanuel Lutheran for staff or students.
- **Hygiene:** Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day. Each classroom has access to wash hands or utilize hand sanitizer. Posters communicating the importance of hygiene will be display and communicated.
- **Social Distancing:** Staff will maximize social distancing within classrooms and other building spaces (gym, cafeteria, library, etc.) to the greatest extent possible. CDC recommends 3 feet of physical distance between students.
- **Symptomatic students/staff:** Any student or staff member displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be excluded from school and school related activities for 10 days. Symptomatic individuals may return early with a negative COVID-19 test and no longer have symptoms of COVID. **In order to return early you must have a negative PCR test which is 94% accurate. The Rapid test is only 70% accurate.**
- **COVID Positive/Presumed Positive:** Students and staff who are COVID-19 positive/presumed positive will be excluded from school and all school related activities for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Students/staff may return after 10 days and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- **COVID-19 Exposure:** Contact tracing will identify students and staff who are considered exposed to COVID-19. Those identified as exposed will be contacted by the school and provided with information explaining the CDC recommendations regarding quarantining and monitoring for symptoms. Exposed individuals who remain at school are to be monitored for symptoms by staff and guardians. Anyone developing symptoms will be sent home.
- **School Cleaning:** Extra attention will be given to the cleaning of buildings with products approved to kill the COVID-19 virus. We have a day time custodian whose job it will be to continually clean surfaces during the school day.

Communication Plan

1. All parents are required to be on the Principal Remind Code @ff96k

2. The entire school will be notified of a confirmed positive COVID test through the Principal Remind
3. Students with minimal and moderate exposure will be notified through Teacher Remind
4. Students with high exposure, parents will receive a phone call from the office

Confirmed COVID case Protocols

Regardless of the level, the following outlines how ILS will respond to a confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in school or extended care

1. **Confirmed related case(s) in school (same group of students)**
 - a. [Utilize communication plan](#)
 - b. Notify parents and staff of minimal, moderate, or high exposure while ensuring HIPPA compliance
 - d. Contact trace students/staff using the [exposure checklist](#) to identify students and staff with minimal, moderate, and high exposure. Those with close contact (high exposure) will be highly recommended to quarantine for 10 days (staff will be required to quarantine). The CDC defines close contact as a person that has been within 3 feet of the infected person for a prolonged period of time (about 15 minutes) within two days of the onset of symptoms. Wearing a face covering while within 3 feet does not eliminate consideration as a close contact.
 - e. Deep cleaning of the school
2. **Closing individual classrooms where 50% of students/staff test positive for COVID**
 - a. [Utilize communication plan](#)
 - b. Packets created for class with virtual learning if applicable
 - c. Deep cleaning of classroom.
3. **Multiple cases in the school where 30% of students /staff test positive for COVID**
 - a. [Utilize communication plan](#)
 - b. Virtual online learning for 10 days
 - c. Extended care closed for 10 days
 - d. Deep cleaning of building