

# St. Anthony School Kailua

## Covid-19 Policy

### School Year 2022-2023

St. Anthony School prides itself on being able to continue to provide high-quality learning opportunities for all students throughout the COVID 19 pandemic. As our school continues to navigate the unpredictable waters of this pandemic, we appreciate the ongoing support and partnership from our entire school community. Together, we remain grounded in aloha, ‘ohana, and our faith in God. St. Anthony School will remain dedicated to our mission.

#### **St. Anthony School Mission**

The parish school of St. Anthony School Kailua is committed to nurturing, enriching, and celebrating our students’ spiritual, academic, moral, emotional, and social development. Guided by the parish, with parents as primary educators, and teachers as facilitators, students will receive a sound Catholic education rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, committed to faith formation, academic excellence, and service.

#### **Our Guidelines**

**Safety for ALL students and staff is paramount to our school community.**

For the 2022-2023 school year, St. Anthony School will align with the Covid-19 Policy from the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), and the Department of Health (DOH). Families are encouraged to review this [video](#) from the DOH explaining the most recent guidance for schools. St. Anthony School will also continue to work closely with DOE, DOH, and Hawaii Catholic Schools (HCS).

**The school has a COVID-19 plan in place that can be adjusted as the situation develops.**

St. Anthony School will continue to use the most updated guidance available in our approach to COVID-19 response. [Department of Health Guidance for K-12 schools](#)

- Masking in all settings is optional (Masking protocol may change depending on COVID within the larger community.) DOH also states:
- Indoor masking is highly recommended when COVID-19 Community Levels are at medium or high.
- Schools will provide masks to students who do not have a mask at school but want to use one.
- Universal indoor masking or targeted indoor masking (e.g., in a class or grade level) is strongly recommended in specific situations (e.g., high absenteeism, cluster of cases, outbreak).

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#### The Importance of ‘Ohana

Families are essential to the success of each student and St. Anthony School. We are asking for parents' full cooperation and flexibility and support. Likewise, St. Anthony School will be understanding and willing to work with families to address unique needs and situations related to COVID-19. There are a few simple ways to support:

- Communicate with your child’s teacher regularly.
- Ask questions when you are unsure.

#### Overview of Teaching and Learning

##### Face-to-face instruction

- Students will receive face-to-face instruction daily with normal operations.
- Before and After School Care will be provided for families who need childcare.
- After school extra-curricular classes will be offered on a first-come first basis. Additional fees will apply.

**At this time, St. Anthony School will NOT be offering Distance Learning for SY 22-23.**

#### Campus Safety Overview

Multiple mitigation strategies will be applied to the greatest extent possible for a layered approach. **The core essential mitigation strategies** include vaccinations, wellness checks, masking (optional), and hand hygiene.

Students who display symptoms will be sent home from school.

Core Essential Strategy	Details
Vaccination 	COVID 19 Vaccination is an essential mitigation strategy, and we encourage all staff, students, and families to get fully vaccinated.
Wellness Checks at home. 	Stay home if you are sick.  Before entry to campus, all staff and students should do a daily wellness check. The purpose of the screening would be to identify any general illness symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feeling feverish or unusually warm</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coughing/sneezing</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing</li> <li>• Headache/stomachache/nausea</li> <li>• Muscle pain/fatigue</li> <li>• New loss of taste and smell.</li> <li>• <b>Individuals that exhibit symptoms should stay home.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Masking</p> 	<p><b>Masks are optional for students and staff in all settings effective 8/1/22.</b> Students and staff that choose to wear masks should bring their own masks. Masks will be provided for those that are in need. Masking protocol may be changed in response to COVID updates within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HIDOE recognizes the benefits of masking for reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses and any student or employee who chooses to wear a mask will have that decision respected.</li> <li>• In the event of a cluster or outbreak, masks may temporarily be required indoors.</li> <li>• Indoor masking is strongly encouraged when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) determines community levels are medium or high. CDC community levels are updated weekly on Thursdays at <a href="https://bit.ly/CDC-Community Levels">bit.ly/CDC-Community Levels</a>. As of the date of this letter, state levels show all islands as medium or high, so indoor masking is strongly encouraged.</li> </ul>
<p>Hand Hygiene</p> 	<p>Handwashing is an important routine and culture within the school. Students and staff will be expected to wash their hands throughout the school day. Students and faculty will also have access to hand sanitizers throughout the campus including in all classrooms and common areas for times when soap and water hand washing are not the most appropriate.</p>

**In School Close Contact**

For students and faculty in school, a Close Contact is defined as an exposure to a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.

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Schools are no longer required to identify and notify people who have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 in school.

**However, St. Anthony School will notify families and staff who stay in the same space (e.g., class) throughout the day, if there was an exposure of 15 minutes or more to a person with COVID-19.**

#### **Individuals with in-school exposure:**

- You can stay in school if you do not have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status.
- You should get tested, if possible, at least 5 days after potential exposure to a person with COVID-19, even if you are not having symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, immediate self-isolate and get tested.
- You should wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors for 10 days.

#### **Outside of School Close Contact**

If you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccination, you do not need to quarantine but must wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors for 10 days. If you are not up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, you should:

- Stay home for 5 days after last contact with the person with Covid-19, AND
- Get tested, if possible, at least 5 days after last contact with the person with COVID-19, even if you are not having symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and get tested
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors from day 6 to 10 after completing home quarantines. \*
- \*Individuals who have ongoing close contact with a person with COVID-19 because they live in the same house should stay home in quarantine for 5 days after the person with COVID-19 is released from Isolation (e.g., day 11).

#### **Covid-19 Symptoms or Positive Cases**

**Whether you are vaccinated or not, if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19:**

- Do **NOT** go to school and notify the school
- Stay at home (isolation) except to get medical care until:
- **At least 5 full days** have passed since symptoms first appeared or if no symptoms, since test was taken AND
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medications, AND
- Symptoms, if any, have improved.

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When you return to school after isolation, wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors from day 6 to 10.

**\*\*If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask and have tested positive, you should remain in isolation for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.**

#### Community Expectations

**We are all responsible for keeping each other safe in our community.**

- Follow the guidelines set forth by the DOH. Be sure to not contribute to community spread. Practice social distancing and wear masks outside of school.
- Get vaccinations and boosters for students and families. Vaccination is a highly recommended mitigation strategy
- Do a wellness check on your child each morning at home to determine if your child should attend school. Symptoms may include:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Rash

**Keep children home if they are ill, except to take them to the doctor.**

- Practice good hand hygiene, and wash hands regularly.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wear a mask indoors to protect yourself and others when COVID-19 Community Levels are medium or high.
- Any child who chooses to wear a mask should have an extra mask in their backpack.
- Stay home if your child or family has been exposed to COVID-19.
- Improve ventilation by opening windows and doors, using fans and ventilation systems, and moving activities outdoors when able.
- Immediately notify the school if your family has been impacted by COVID 19.
- Be sure the school has updated contact information in your FACTS Family portal should your child need to be sent home.

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#### **Visitors and Parents on Campus**

- St. Anthony School will remain a closed campus during the school day. All visitors and parents must sign-in at the office before proceeding on campus with approval.
- Morning drop-off and end of school student pickup will follow the current drive through procedures through the courtyard and at the Early Learning Center.
- Parents who must walk on to campus to drop off or pickup their child/ren will follow the guidance from the teachers on staff for their safety and students due to traffic.

#### **COVID Testing**

More information regarding COVID testing is also available at the following location. Free tests can be requested at [Covid-19 State of Hawai'i Portal](#).

#### **Contact, Questions, and Ongoing Communication**

We will continue to provide updates as the situation progresses and we get closer to the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

#### **RESOURCES:**

For more information, visit [HawaiiCOVID19.com](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com)

Additional Resources:

Guidance for Schools – [health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/](http://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/)

COVID-19 Vaccines – [HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/](http://HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/)