

# Holy Family Catholic High School

Update for Friday, March 5, 2021

Carver County, as well as several other metro counties, has been identified as having the highly contagious B117 variant of COVID-19, the same strain that was found in the U.K. We know that this may cause concern and we want you to know that we will continue to prioritize the health and well being of our students and families. Therefore, we are asking for your cooperation in following several safety protocols.

First, all classes will be online Monday and Tuesday of next week, March 8 & 9. Transitioning to online learning will give us the opportunity to deep clean and sanitize the building as well as thoroughly contact trace any positive cases.

Second, **Holy Family is requiring that all Holy Family students get tested for COVID and send the result [here](#) by Tuesday, March 9.** [Click here](#) for COVID testing information for students and families. These tests will allow Holy Family to make informed decisions moving forward, and give the school the peace of mind that the variant is not spreading across our community.

The Minnesota Department of Health has asked all Carver County schools to consider pausing extracurricular activities where distancing cannot be maintained for two weeks. For that reason, non-varsity sports will end their seasons effective immediately. Varsity sports will resume for the time being, however, these activities may be paused if the circumstances and resulting data require. To increase the chances that varsity sports can continue, we are mandating the following protocols for all varsity athletes:

- Quarantine beginning tonight (Friday, March 5, 2021)
- Get tested for COVID by Sunday (March 7, 2021) and send your results [here](#)
- No practice or games until Tuesday (March 9, 2021) to allow test results to be returned and contact tracing to be executed
- Quarantine at home and transition to online learning through the end of your season.
- We may test weekly through the end of the season (more information to follow) and share results [here](#)
- Attend all online classes without exception
- Prioritize your studies and continue to participate in all classes

As a community we have a responsibility to each other. Therefore, all Holy Family students must follow our usual protocols:

- Do not attend school if you feel ill
- Keep your circles small
- Follow the mask and social distancing mandates in our school building and in the external community
- Take a COVID test when we appropriate
- Wash hands and practice healthy hygiene practices

If you live with someone who is vulnerable or at high risk for COVID, please consider moving to online learning until cases of this variant, and COVID in general, decrease in our community.

It has been one year since we first made adjustments for COVID-19. Many are experiencing COVID fatigue. However, this variant reminds us that we need to remain vigilant. We can see on the horizon a time when strict protocols are a thing of the past, but we are not there yet.

We will continue to examine COVID protocols at Holy Family and adjust as needed. Right now, we need to rededicate ourselves to the measures that have kept us in school since August. Thank you for partnering with us this year. We only have a few months left, and we urge you to support and cooperate as we work together and finish strong.