

January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Dear JPII Students and Families,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus on Monday. In light of the rise in COVID-positive cases and new CDC/DPH/DESE guidelines, I am writing to provide updated information as we navigate the weeks ahead.

New Protocols for COVID-Positive Individuals

COVID-positive individuals must isolate themselves, regardless of vaccination status, for five days from the positive test. After five days, individuals who have no symptoms or whose symptoms have resolved can return to school. In such cases, mask-wearing is especially important. Symptomatic individuals, particularly those with fever, must stay home until the fever resolves.

New Protocols for Close Contacts

Asymptomatic, vaccinated close contacts remain exempt from quarantine and/or testing measures. Unvaccinated, school-based close contacts may remain in school through the “Test and Stay” program (Take a rapid antigen test (e.g., BinaxNOW) on each school day and receive a negative result for 5 days from the date of exposure). If the individuals remain negative, they can stay in school.

Complete information on COVID protocols can be found here: <https://jpiihyannis.org/return-to-school/>

Mask use will continue to be required in all indoor spaces on campus. Importantly, we remind students, faculty members, and staff members to monitor their health daily and stay home if they are not feeling well.

COVID Reporting, Testing Authorization, and Vaccination Verification

Each week in the Blue & Gold Weekly email, we report the total number of COVID-positive cases for the week, provide an authorization link for at-school COVID testing, and request updated vaccination status. Please consult this message, sent on Sundays, for this important information.

We remain hopeful that students will experience a vastly different, upbeat Spring than they have during the past two years. Let’s stay the course in these critical weeks ahead.

Best wishes for a great 2022!

Christopher Keavy
President