

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Catholic school follows the Archdiocese of Seattle's policy regarding communicable diseases. Students or parents/guardians may obtain a copy of the policy from the school office.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK OF COVID-19 AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

St. Bernadette Catholic school is committed to the health and well-being of our students, faculty/staff, volunteers, and others who are part of the St. Bernadette Catholic school community. We acknowledge that the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, poses significant health risks and has affected many aspects of life. It is possible that other communicable diseases could pose risks to St. Bernadette Catholic school students and others in the St. Bernadette Catholic community. To confront the unprecedented challenges and risks presented by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, St. Bernadette Catholic school is following recommendations and guidance issued by county, state, and federal authorities and agencies, including the King County Department of Health, OSPI, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Students and parents/guardians are expected to understand and acknowledge the dangers presented by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. In particular, COVID-19 is contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The risks associated with COVID-19 may include, but are not limited to, illness and, in some cases, death. As of the printing of this Handbook, there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and it is very possible that a vaccine will be unavailable during the 2020-21 academic year. Students and parents/guardians are expected to stay informed of COVID-19, as well as other communicable diseases, and understand their associated risks.

To prevent and to reduce the spread of communicable diseases like COVID-19, students and parents/guardians are expected to:

1. Comply with all recommendations and guidance for reducing the spread of communicable diseases published by county, state, and federal authorities and agencies, including the King County Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Washington Department of Health. Such recommendations include, but are not limited to, maintaining physical distancing guidelines, wearing a face covering, and washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds regularly.
2. Comply with all rules, guidelines and protocols adopted by St. Bernadette Catholic school for reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.
3. Notify St. Bernadette Catholic school within twenty-four (24) hours if the student (a) has been in contact with someone known or suspected to be infected by COVID-19 or any other communicable disease; (b) has been diagnosed as being infected by COVID-19 or any other communicable disease; or (c) has been running a fever or exhibiting other symptoms as outlined by King County Department of Health.

Students must stay home if they feel ill, exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, or have tested positive for COVID-19 or any other communicable disease.

Students who are at school must report to the front office staff if he/she becomes ill during the day. In those circumstances, St. Bernadette Catholic school will contact the student's parent/guardian and send the student home. Students are expected to stay home until they are no longer contagious as determined by a licensed medical professional.

St. Bernadette Catholic school will close its campus if St. Bernadette Catholic school deems it necessary to protect students, faculty/staff, volunteers, and others who are part of the St. Bernadette Catholic community from exposure to COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, including at the advice, guidance, or direction of local and state authorities.