

COVID-19 Delta Variant Prevention

Everyone with a role in the Faith Formation program is a volunteer. All volunteers have gotten the vaccine against COVID-19 in the aim of keeping themselves and families safe and not exposing those too young for a vaccine to the virus. I encourage everyone in this program ages 12 and older who is not yet vaccinated to get the vaccine. It will help create a safer, less contagious environment. St Mary's Health Clinics is happy to answer your questions about vaccination (in English or Spanish); call 612-296-4172 or 612-296-5789.

- 1 In the first few weeks of the program, a health professional will talk to students about being safe from COVID-19 and the Delta variant and what students can do for protection.
- 2 Children, teachers, and helpers who are not feeling well **MUST** stay home. When in doubt, err on the side of caution. Please email Janelle@st-matts.org or text 651-242-6004 to report absences due to illness and be sure to state if the illness is COVID-19.
- 3 The Faith Formation program will follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. Regarding when a household needs to quarantine, please see www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/quarguide.pdf
- 4 A front desk volunteer will do forehead temperature checks on arriving students. A temperature of 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) will result in the student being sent home; the parent will be sent a text and the ill student will wait in a separate room until picked up.
- 5 When inside a building students will wear a mask that covers nose and mouth. Teachers will wear a mask when they arrive and when they are within 4 feet of students. Because all teachers are vaccinated and thus are lower risk, they may remove their masks while teaching as long as they are at least 4 feet away from students.
- 6 The front desk and each classroom in the Parish Center as well as the church will have a sanitation table with hand sanitizer and extra masks, both adult-sized and child-sized.
- 7 Classrooms will be in bigger spaces in the Parish Center so students can be spread out.
- 8 The program will use the church space for a few large-group meetings and for Mass. When in church, any child in the program and any adult or guardian with the child must wear a face mask covering nose and mouth, per CDC guidance as of August 2021. If the CDC guidance changes and the pandemic changes, so will this requirement.
- 9 Staggered start and dismissal times will reduce traffic in and out of the building. Please be timely about bringing your student(s) and then picking them up after dismissal. Families with multiple children should bring all kids in the program at the time the youngest student starts and then pick up their children at the time the oldest student finishes.

STUDENT GROUP	CLASS TIME
Grades K, 1	6:30 to 7:30 PM
Grades 2, 3	6:30 to 7:40 PM
Grades 4, 5, 6	6:30 to 7:40 PM
Grade 7	6:45 to 7:45 PM
Grades 8+ (Confirmation)	6:45 to 7:50 PM

First evening of class is September 22 and the last evening is May 4. Schedule might change.