



St. Augustine High School

St. Augustine High School will continue its commitment to supporting the health and well-being of our community as the pandemic continues and a new school year is upon us. We were able to successfully navigate last school year without a case of community transmission of the virus because of the commitment of the whole community. THANK YOU, let's keep it up!

The guidance and recommendations for this school year will be quite different because of the significant number of Saints community members who have taken advantage of the vaccines that are available.

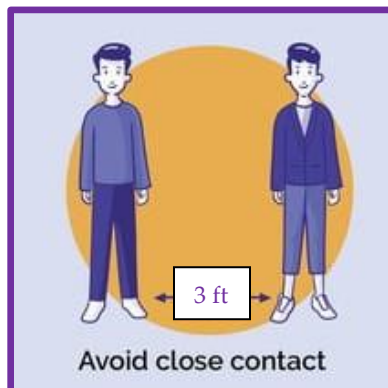
This year, Saints will spend less time on the details of COVID-19 and refocus our efforts on developing the *Hearts and Minds* of the young men in our care. Accordingly, we offer these simple reminders and ask all in the community, again, to do their part to keep campus safe and healthy.

COVID did not take a summer break Keep safe and healthy with these reminders

Wash your hands regularly

Wear a face covering

Please distance yourself from others



Most importantly ... Stay home if you are ill

- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness (headache, fever, chills, cough, loss of taste or smell, etc.) and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Absences can be reported to the Student Services office.

Saints will continue to collaborate with local health department to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. This allows identifying which students, teachers, and staff with positive COVID-19 test results should [isolate](#), and which [close contacts](#) should [quarantine](#).

Quarantine Requirements – this guidance differs based on vaccination status.

- Students, staff, and educators who have been in [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19 and who are not fully vaccinated should seek [COVID-19 testing](#) and should [quarantine](#).
- People who have [tested positive for and recovered from COVID-19 in the prior 3 months](#) and asymptomatic [fully vaccinated people](#) do not need to quarantine or get tested.
- Any close contacts who test positive for COVID-19 or who have symptoms should begin [isolation](#) regardless of [vaccination status or prior infection](#).

Close Contact Notifications

- Saints will work with local Health officials to review COVID-19 cases and contact trace.
- Faculty/Staff/Students will receive a separate email notification if they are deemed a close contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The quarantine requirements differ depending on vaccination status. Please review above.

Facilities Cleaning, Disinfection and Air Purification

Saints will continue this year to spray down all surfaces with an electrostatic sprayer and a disinfectant (found on the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19](#) list of approved products) that kills and prevents germs/viruses for 24 hours.

Additionally, you may remember from last year, that the HVAC units for all indoor spaces at Saints have been retrofitted with UV light systems that kill germs and viruses, continuously purifying the air as it circulates.