



Trinity Catholic Academy
Teaching During a Pandemic Plan
2021 -- 2022



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Dear Trinity Families,

The COVID-19 pandemic of the past several months and that is still with us has presented us with unprecedented circumstances. I write to you at this time with the well-being of students, teachers, staff, family members and visitors in mind.

Massachusetts schools, both public and private, have been issued guidance documents by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which have been used as a road map for the safety protocols we need to follow to keep our school environment clean and conducive to learning. It is important to note that this plan is a **living document** that may need to be altered depending on circumstances that develop.

We dedicate ourselves to the effort of a safe return to the classroom on Monday, August 30th. At the same time, we are fully cognizant that if public health conditions related to COVID-19 take a downward turn in fall or winter, we need to be ready to switch to remote learning. We have taken the appropriate steps to be ready for this scenario but pray it does not happen.

There is nothing more precious to us than our Trinity community, and we remain committed to making Trinity Catholic Academy a safe, healthy, and thriving environment for our students and faculty.

Mrs. Angela Symock

Principal, Trinity Catholic Academy

“Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.” -C. Gregoire

In the summer of 2020, a feasibility study was conducted which examined several categories to determine if Trinity Catholic Academy was equipped to host in-person learning for the 2020-2021 school year under the guidance set forth by DESE. As many of you know, we were able to successfully open school and remain open the entire academic year. The “Teaching During a Pandemic” plan has been developed as a result of the 2020-2021 Re-Opening plan with changes that take into consideration the newest guidance issued by DESE, CDC, and the local Health Department.

The “Teaching During a Pandemic” plan is an addendum to TCA’s Parent/Student Handbook for the school year 2021—2022. In signing the handbook agreement, parents and students accept the contents of the handbook and this reopening document.

Following is a listing of topics and our approach to each:

Entering the Building

- Face masks are required to be worn by all adults and by all children in grades Pre-K-8 who enter Trinity Catholic Academy, vaccinated and unvaccinated. **Trinity Catholic Academy will refuse entry to anyone not wearing a mask.**
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and must be used upon arrival.
- Physical distancing of 3-6 ft is required.

Morning Drop-Off

- Morning drop-off will begin outside at 8:00am unless there is inclement weather. Please drop your child off on Pine Street at the exit of the parking lot before 8:15. Due to the number of students at morning recess, students, staff, parents, and visitors are required to wear a mask as guidance recommends when outside in a large group.
- In the event of inclement weather students are dropped off in front of the school on Pine Street. There will be signs by the curb where cars can stop to let students out.
- Students exit the car at the sign, maintaining a 3-6 ft distance from the students in front of them as they enter the building and proceed to the gym. Family members enter together. An adult will be at the door to help facilitate.
- Hand sanitizer will be given at the door and masks must be worn.
- Between 7:45 and 8:00, the few students who arrive that early will be directed to the gym where an adult will greet them and guide in staying properly distanced. At 8:00 they will proceed outside or remain in the gym if inclement weather.
- Distancing will be reinforced.
- We will not be taking temperatures. Parents are asked to monitor their child’s temperature each morning before leaving the house. If your child has a fever or exhibits signs of illness, please keep them home.

Morning Prayer

Whole school morning prayer will take place outside if weather permits. In inclement weather prayer will take place in the gym. Students are required to wear a mask and will be distanced.

Physical Distancing

Last year our classrooms were reconfigured so that there was ample room for students to be distanced by 6 feet. DESE and CDC guidance continues to indicate physical distancing is important but can now range from 3-6 ft. It is our intention to following the 3-6 ft. rule in the interest of safety for our students, faculty, and staff.

DESE and the CDC have also recommended keeping students in *cohorts* as much as possible. For example, each grade is its own *cohort*. If the mixing of cohorts is needed, as for morning prayer, a combined class or indoor recess, students within the cohort will be distanced at the 3-6ft.

Masks

In reviewing the guidance from DESE, in conjunction with the CDC and the recommendations of public health officials, we are requiring all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear a mask while in the building. Students in preschool and kindergarten will receive guidance from their teacher to help make mask wearing a success.

Mask Breaks

Understanding that it can be cumbersome to wear a mask all day long, teachers will incorporate **mask breaks** at intervals during the day. Additionally, they can also be removed at snack time, lunch time, and afternoon recess. Student desks are distanced at 3-6 ft, making the removal of the masks for *short periods of time* feasible. (See also “Recess”)

- Masks are to be provided *by a student’s family*. TCA will have disposable adult size and child size masks on hand in case a student forgets theirs or their mask becomes soiled during the day, as with a productive sneeze or cough.
- Masks may be of varying colors and designs. They may be cloth masks or disposable—*masks with valves are not allowed*.
- Cloth masks must be changed and laundered every day. The same mask is not to be worn more than one day.

Main Office

We are limiting the number of people who enter the building. We therefore ask that you come to the school only if you have absolutely necessary business to conduct at the main office. In that case:

- Please be wearing a face mask. TCA will refuse entry to anyone not wearing one.
- Please use the hand sanitizer available at the bottom of the stairs.

- All in-person business will be conducted through the plexiglass window at the main office.
- If business can be conducted over the phone, please call the main office.

Tardy Students/Early Dismissals

Please follow the protocol if you are picking up or dropping off your child:

- Upon ringing the doorbell, please state that you are dropping off or picking up your child.
- School personnel will sign your child in or out.
- If your child is young, school personnel will walk them down to the door or meet them at the door.
- Please refrain from entering the building.

Classrooms

- Upon entering the classroom, students will use hand sanitizer. It is available for use at any time it is needed or wanted.
- All desks will be arranged to allow for 3-6 ft of distance between students and students & teacher and will face one direction. Many classrooms have been set up this way in the past, not making it entirely unfamiliar.
- Windows and doors will be open to allow for air flow—weather permitting.
- Students in grades 5-8 will once again rotate to classes. They'll travel to class 3-6ft apart and hand sanitize before entering the classroom. Desks will be cleaned in between classes.

Restrooms

- Students will sanitize hands before leaving the classroom.
- Observe signage outside the restroom for number of people allowed.
- Tape on the floor will indicate distancing if it is necessary to wait to use the restroom.
- Wash hands thoroughly before leaving restroom.
- Sanitize hands upon returning to classroom

Snack/Lunch

In order to keep students in their *cohorts*, lunch will be eaten in either the classrooms or cafeteria. A rotating schedule will be used for cafeteria use. Teachers are also welcome to bring students out for picnics.

- Maintaining 3-6 ft of distance, students may remove masks while eating snack or lunch.
- Use disinfectant wipes on desks and lunch tables.
- Sanitize hands
- Eat snack or lunch
- After clean-up, sanitize hands once more
- Lunch boxes will be kept in lockers/cubbies. To retrieve/replace lunch boxes students will be sent to lockers/cubbies in such a way as to keep them distanced while doing so.

- Snack and lunch time are times when students can talk with each other and connect while remaining distanced.
- Food cannot be shared
- We ask parents to send lunches in with their child in the morning and refrain from dropping them off during the school day.

Recess

Every effort will be made to take cohorts of students outside at recess, weather permitting. Courtyard area, grassy areas and the usual parking lot area can all be used to give our students the opportunity for physical movement and social connection with their peers. In inclement weather, students will be taken to the gymnasium.

- Students will proceed outdoors or to the gym for recess. Students must wear masks on the way to recess and back to their classrooms.
- Physical distancing of 3-6 ft will be reinforced as students move from their classrooms to the site of recess.
- While at recess, students may talk with one another, walk with a friend (3-6-ft rule), engage in activities, etc.
- If outdoors and 3-6 feet of distance is maintained, masks may be removed and placed in a pocket
- If indoors, masks must be worn.

Weekly Mass

Students will be attending weekly Masses. Physical distancing protocols will be followed, and masks will be worn.

Media Center

- The Media Center (MC) will be used for computer classes and library.
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the MC
- All surfaces/equipment students touch will be cleaned after each use, leaving them clean for the next person
- Computers will be distanced to allow for the 3-6-ft rule
- There will be assigned seats

Physical Education

- No physical education activity can occur indoors without a mask and distancing of 3-6 ft
- If outdoors, without masks, activities can occur with 3-6 ft of distancing
- Hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the gymnasium, and before and after outdoor activity
- When sharing of equipment is needed, proper cleaning protocols of hands and equipment will be in place—cleaning of hands and equipment both before and after use.

Art Classes

- Art class will be held in the art room.
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the art room
- All surfaces/equipment students touch will be cleaned after each use, leaving them clean for the next person
- Seats will be assigned and be distanced to allow for the 3-6-ft rule

Music Classes

- Music class will be held in the music room.
- Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the music room
- All surfaces/equipment students touch will be cleaned after each use, leaving them clean for the next person
- Seats will be assigned and be distanced to allow for the 3-6-ft rule

Fire Drills/Lockdown/Evacuation

In the event of a fire drill or evacuation, the goal is always to move students to safety as quickly as possible. Distancing can be practiced once students are safely out of the building. In the event of the need for lockdown where close proximity to each other will be needed, students and teachers are to follow the protocols put in place in the TCA Crisis Plan. Physical safety against a possible intruder or imminent threat is paramount.

Teachers' Lounge

- Observe signage for maximum number of people, maintain physical distance of 3-6 ft.
- In using any equipment or in touching any surface, handles, etc., we will follow the protocols as put forth in the training provided by OSHA.
- Teacher mailboxes are to be emptied by teachers on a daily basis.

Copy Room

- Observe signage for maximum number of people.
- Clean all surfaces both before and after they are touched in accordance with OSHA guidelines.
- Sanitize hands both before and after using the copy room and its equipment.

Dismissal

Bus Transportation: In discussions with AA Transportation, we have learned that they have put proper cleaning and distancing protocols in place. After each use, each bus is “fogged” meaning the bus is cleaned with an electrostatic cleaner and disinfecting solution. Masks must be worn on the bus, and there is to be **no eating** on the bus in order to facilitate more efficient and complete cleaning and disinfecting of the buses between their runs. *It is important to note* that there may be students on the bus who have an exemption to wearing a mask.

Pick-Up: From a parental perspective, nothing will change. Parents will still cue up from Hamilton St. to Marcy St. and into the parking lot behind St. Mary Church and wait for their child to exit the building. From an internal perspective, we will line up pick-up students first by family groups, and then grade by grade. Each grade will have a designated line in the gym, with physical distancing in place. As family names are called, the student will proceed to the outside. This will resemble pick-up on rainy days when we keep children indoors and send them out as their parents arrive.

Preschool: If your preschool child is the only child you will be picking up, he/she will be picked up at the preschool door facing Pine St. (near the Peace Garden). Preschool students will be picked up at 2:25pm. Please be prompt in picking up and refrain from parking in the rear parking lot as the pick-up line for older students will begin moving within a few minutes after preschool dismissal. You may park your car near the preschool door or up the street. If you have an older child your preschool child will be brought to the gym and be dismissed at 2:40pm as a family.

After School Program

The TCA After School Program will still be held but with some changes.

- All students in all grades who will be in ASP on a given day will report straight to the cafeteria and be seated.
- The cafeteria will be our designated After School Program area.
- Desks or table areas will be assigned to those students who are in the program each day. Students using ASP on an as needed basis will be assigned a seat upon entering the cafeteria.
- We will still offer a snack, but all snacks and drinks will be prepackaged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- Desks, chairs and tabletops will be disinfected so that they are clean when students arrive.
- Please send your child to school with a toy, books, coloring book, etc. from home that they would like to have with them in ASP on that day. They should be placed in a Ziploc bag no larger than a gallon size labeled with their name. These personal belongings can be used after homework has been completed. **Personal toys/belongings are not to be shared.**
- Upon ringing the doorbell, please state your child's name and the afterschool staff will sign them out and bring them to the door.

Youth Sports

Updated guidance surrounding youth sports in schools will be released in coming weeks.

Field Trips

Field trips will be considered on an individual basis.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Hand sanitizer will be available in all spaces throughout the building.
- Hand sanitizing protocols will be discussed and reinforced with students.
- With the use of an electrostatic cleaner, frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected (“fogged”) regularly. This includes railings, doorknobs, light switches, bathroom fixtures, etc.
- Desks/tables/chairs in the cafeteria will be disinfected between classes.
- Shared equipment will be cleaned both before and after use. This includes copy machines, physical education equipment, computer keyboards and mice, preschool toys, etc.
- Disinfectant wipes will be used before snack and lunch to clean the desk surface, as well as hand sanitizer. Hand washing will be encouraged when hands are too soiled for the sanitizer alone and certainly after use of the restroom.
- A log of cleaning and disinfecting actions will be kept.
- *This is a living document. Cleaning/disinfecting protocols may be added/changed as the need arises.*

Remote Learning

TCA will not be offering the option of remote learning while school is in session in person. Remote learning would take place only during a school closure. *School closure means prolonged school closure as a directive of local or state order. School closure also means snow day or emergency closing.*

Teachers/students will be using Google Classroom as the platform for remote learning. It will be used for certain tasks during in person learning as well.

The remote handbook is located on our website.

Travel Policy -(CDC updated 7/26/2021)

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Domestic Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
	Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

International Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
	Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	✓
Mandatory test required before flying to US	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	✓	✓
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios

The following protocols are taken directly from the DESE guidance document issued on August 13, 2021. These sources can be checked on the DESE website at [COVID-19 Information and Resources - Student and Family Support \(SFS\) \(mass.edu\)](#). At this time Trinity will not be adopting the Test and Stay method of COVID testing.

Section 1: Key definitions

This section outlines the list of COVID-19 symptoms, provides the definition of a close contact, and outlines situations where close contacts are exempt from COVID-19 testing and quarantine response protocols including isolation, quarantine, and Test and Stay.

COVID-19 symptoms

Below is the full list of symptoms for which caregivers should monitor their children, and staff should monitor themselves.^{1 2}

Unvaccinated individuals and any close contacts presenting these symptoms should follow testing and quarantine response protocols as outlined in Section 2 of this document.

Vaccinated individuals who are not close contacts should follow the testing and quarantine response protocols if they are experiencing symptoms in bold. These individuals may also seek clinical guidance to assess the need for PCR testing if they have other symptoms on this list.

COVID-19 symptoms list:

- **Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Headache *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Fatigue, *when in combination with other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) *when in combination with other symptoms*

If your child is exhibiting any of these COVID symptoms, please contact the office/nurse so we can monitor and ensure the safety of the community.

Definition of a close contact

Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.^{3 4} Please note that the at-risk exposure time begins 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or time of positive test if asymptomatic) and continues until the time the COVID-19 positive individual is isolated.

In general, close contacts should follow the testing and quarantine response protocols in Section 2 of this document. **However, certain close contacts are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols as noted below.**

Close contacts who are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols

The following close contacts are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols:

- **Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts:** Individuals who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- **Classroom close contacts:** An individual who is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual in the classroom while both individuals were masked, so long as the individuals were spaced at least 3 feet apart, is exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- **Bus close contacts:** Individuals on buses must be masked according to federal requirements. As such, individuals who are masked on buses when windows are open are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols.
- **Close contacts who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days:** An individual who has been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 and then becomes a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols if:
 - The exposure occurred within 90 days of the onset of their own illness AND
 - The exposed individual is recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms.

Section 2: Recommended testing and quarantine response protocols

This section outlines testing and quarantine response protocols for individuals – students and staff – who test positive for COVID-19, close contacts who are not exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols, and symptomatic individuals. Each scenario outlines the duration of any recommended quarantine or isolation, the conditions to be met in order for the individual to return to school, and any additional considerations.

Overview of Protocol Categories:

- Protocol A: For individuals who test positive for COVID-19
- Protocol B: Protocol for asymptomatic close contacts
- Protocol C: Protocol for symptomatic individuals

Protocol A: For individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Protocol A for individuals who test positive

- **Duration:** Self-isolation for COVID-19 positive cases is a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset or after positive PCR or antigen test, if asymptomatic.
- **Return to school:** After 10 days⁵ and once they have:
 - Been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications); and
 - Experienced improvement in other symptoms; and
 - Individuals who do not meet these criteria after 10 days may receive clearance from either public health authority contact tracers (the local board of health or Community Tracing Collaborative) or school health professional before returning to school.
- **Note:** Return to school should be based on time and symptom resolution. Repeat testing prior to return is not recommended.

Protocol B: Protocol for asymptomatic close contacts

Close contacts who are not exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols and are asymptomatic follow the guidelines in Protocol B below. Please recall that all asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals are exempt from close contact testing and quarantine response protocols and therefore do not need to follow Protocol B. However, fully vaccinated individuals are expected to monitor for symptoms and stay home and get tested if they experience symptoms, in alignment with statewide guidance⁶ and Protocol C.

Note: In some cases, individuals may be asked to follow specific testing and quarantine response protocols (including durations for quarantine/isolation) provided by contact tracers or local health officials which may differ from the recommended protocols below.

Protocol B for asymptomatic close contacts who are not exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols

Districts who participate in the statewide COVID-19 testing program or another similar testing program are strongly encouraged to utilize the new Test and Stay (B-1) protocol option to minimize the amount of time individuals are out of school. This testing and quarantine response protocol has been shown to be generally equivalent to quarantine for school-based contacts, and a safe alternative to at-home isolation.⁷ If schools choose not to participate in the statewide COVID-19 testing program and do not participate in a similar testing initiative, unvaccinated individuals follow the traditional quarantine (B-2) protocol.

Individuals who are part of the Test and Stay protocols may be eligible to participate in school sports and extracurricular activities, provided that they are in compliance with the applicable protocol. For events and sports that take place on non-school days, testing will still be required on those days to participate.

As part of Test and Stay, quarantine is still strongly recommended for individuals outside of school settings.

Protocol B-1 (Recommended): Test and Stay

- **Duration of Test and Stay:** 7 days from the date of exposure
- **Return to School:** Close contacts can remain in school and do not have to quarantine, as long as they:
 - Are asymptomatic
 - Wear masks in school at all times, other than when eating or drinking. When these individuals cannot be masked (i.e., when eating or drinking) they should maintain 3 feet of distance from other individuals to the extent feasible.
 - Take a rapid antigen test (e.g., BinaxNOW) on each school day and receive a negative result. When the 7 days from date of exposure includes weekends or holidays, individuals should quarantine on weekends, and if they remain asymptomatic, upon return to school be tested immediately. If the individual remains negative, they can stay in school.
 - Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 14, and self-isolate at home if symptoms develop.
- **Note:** If an individual has symptoms at the time they are designated as a close contact or develops symptoms during the Test and Stay period or the 14 days following initial exposure, they should follow the protocol for symptomatic individuals (Protocol C). If an individual tests positive at any time, they should follow the protocol for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (Protocol A).

Protocol B-2: Traditional protocol (if school does not have access to rapid daily testing or family or adult individual chooses not to participate in Test and Stay)

- **Duration:** Quarantine is at least 7 days from the date of exposure
- **Return to School:** After 7 days, returning on day 8, provided that they:
 - Remain asymptomatic
 - Receive a COVID test (PCR or rapid antigen) on day 5 or later and receive a negative result
 - Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 14, and self-isolate if symptoms develop.
- **Note:** If an individual has symptoms at the time they are designated as a close contact or within the 14 days following initial exposure, they follow the protocol for symptomatic individuals (Protocol C). If an individual tests positive at any time, they follow the protocol for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (Protocol A).

Protocol B-3: Alternate protocol for those who choose not to receive a COVID test

- **Duration:** Quarantine is at least 10 days from the date of exposure⁸
- **Return to School:** After 10 days, returning on day 11, provided that they:

- Have not experienced symptoms up to this point
- Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 14 and self-isolate if symptoms develop.
- **Note:** If an individual has symptoms at the time they are designated as a close contact or within the 14 days following initial exposure, they follow the protocol for symptomatic individuals (Protocol C). If an individual tests positive at any time, they follow the protocol for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (Protocol A).

Protocol C: Protocol for symptomatic individuals

Protocol C applies to **vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals** who experience the COVID-19 symptoms listed in Section 1 applicable to their status.

Protocol C for <u>symptomatic</u> individuals:
Protocol C-1 (Recommended): Return to school post-symptoms with test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Duration: Dependent on symptom resolution ● Return to School: Individuals may return to school after they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have received a negative PCR test result for COVID-19. Note: So long as the individual is not a close contact, if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis for the COVID-19-like symptoms, the individual may use this recommendation (e.g., for influenza or strep pharyngitis) in lieu of a PCR test. ○ Have improvement in symptoms ○ Have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. ● Note: If the symptomatic individual was a <u>close contact</u> who is not exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols, after symptoms resolve and they receive a negative PCR test, they should follow Protocol B-1 for Test and Stay. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Test and Stay is not available or the family or adult individual opts not to participate, they follow Protocol B-2 or B-3.
Protocol C-2: Alternative protocol for symptomatic individuals who are not close contacts and choose not to receive a COVID test to return to school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Duration: Isolation is at least 10 days from symptom onset⁹ ● Return to School: After 10 days, returning on day 11, assuming they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have improvement in symptoms ○ Have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Section 3: Routine COVID pooled testing protocols

Routine COVID pooled testing involves combining several test samples together and then testing the group sample with a PCR test for detection of COVID-19. Testing for all consenting students and staff members will typically take place once per week.

Unvaccinated district and school staff and students who submit consent forms are strongly encouraged to participate in voluntary routine COVID pooled testing. This includes contracted staff such as bus drivers. Vaccinated staff and students may also participate in pooled testing if they submit consent forms; however, this is not recommended. Also, it is not recommended that any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days participate in pooled testing.

Protocol for routine COVID pooled testing
If the routine <u>group pooled testing</u> result is negative, then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All individuals within that group are presumed negative and should remain in school.
If the routine <u>group pooled testing</u> result is positive, then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All individuals within that group should be retested individually by rapid antigen (e.g. BinaxNOW) or PCR test.• If asymptomatic, members of the group should return to school until and unless an individual is identified as positive. Individuals in the group should wear masks until the positive individual is identified.• Symptomatic members of the group should stay home and follow Protocol C.