

St. Mary School Communications Regarding COVID-19 Cases

Whenever St. Mary School receives notification of a school-related confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in a St. Mary student or staff member, we will make every attempt to be as transparent as possible. Due to confidentiality laws and policies, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, **we will generally not be able to provide specific information regarding any particular case.**

Please know that you will be contacted directly by the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department if your child is a close contact with someone in the school setting who tested positive for COVID-19. The health department may call on the school for assistance in making contact with close contacts. If your family is not contacted, that means your child was not identified as a close contact of the person who tested positive. The Health Department is the best resource to advise you on what steps to take and is available to answer questions.

As with other communicable diseases such as pertussis, whooping cough, etc., and consistent with confidentiality laws and rules, St. Mary School will promptly inform staff and families of any COVID-19 positive cases to which they or their student may have been exposed.

St. Mary School COVID-19 Communications & Case Reporting

Covid-19	Confirmed Cases	Probable Cases	Cumulative Cases	Date Notified by Health Dept.*
St. Mary School	3	5	8	4/15/2021

**This column represents the last date the school received notification from the health department of a confirmed or probable school associated case.*

Note on Confirmed cases: Confirmed cases only include people who test positive for COVID-19.

Note on Probable cases: Probable cases only include people who meet clinical criteria AND are a contact of a probable or confirmed case.