

RETURN TO LEARN

DRAFT 2020-2021 Re-Opening Plan

Each of our diocesan Catholic PS-8th grade schools plans to re-open for in-person instruction in August. The key components of each school's re-opening plan addresses the health and safety of our students, teachers and staff while at school. It is every person's responsibility to help us keep our school community safe. Please remember - these are plans as of July 1, 2020. As this is a fluid situation, we will continue to revise protocols and update you as we approach the opening of school.

5 FULL DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

Our diocesan schools will begin school with in-person, full day instruction for PS-12th grade. Check with your school for the start date and time classes will begin in August.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

School administrators are working with pastors and the diocesan re-opening committee to finalize plans for school Masses.

DAILY HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

The health of students, faculty and staff will be monitored daily. Temperatures will be checked throughout the school day. All student, faculty and staff concerns will be reviewed by Public Health and the Diocesan Medical Health Team.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students will wear face coverings when entering/exiting the school and traveling in hallways and common spaces. Face coverings can be removed in classrooms. Teachers will wear face shields while working with children throughout the day. *Individual school plans may vary.

HEALTHY HYGIENE

Hand sanitation will be placed throughout the school. Daily routines enabling regular hand washing will be enforced. Extensive cleaning will occur daily and medically-guided cleaning protocols will be followed should any areas become exposed.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

To the extent possible, physical distancing will be practiced. Staggered scheduling will be in place to avoid high-traffic periods such as lunch and recess.

DISTANCE LEARNING PLANS

All diocesan schools have prepared distance learning plans should stay at home orders be reinstated or a child needs to remain at home for an extended period due to COVID-19.



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