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.

**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.

**Hand Sanitation**

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.

**Health of Students, Faculty, and Staff**

All student, faculty and staff concerns will be reviewed by Public Health and the Diocesan Medical Health Team.

**Face Coverings**

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.

**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.

**School Masses**

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

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