

St. Mary's Catholic School Reopening Plan Summary:

Our goal is to stay open the entire academic year. Our best chance at meeting that goal is to have a strong reopening plan with support from families. Going forward our decisions regarding Covid will be guided by the attached document entitled "School Decision Tree", and also in cooperation with our school administration and our Covid Task Force.

The plan is built on expertise and guidance from local, state and national health authorities and is intended to be largely consistent with local school district practices. However, as a private school, we do not operate under the same planning requirements.

Our school's plan may need to be adjusted over time depending on the current situation. For example, if state or local health officials issue new public health orders or change important recommendations our plan may need to be adjusted.

Our proposed reopening plan is as follows:

- Staff and students will wear face coverings. Face coverings will not be worn during physical activity (PE, recess), or when social distancing of 3-6' can be possible and practical.
- Classes will be grouped together into cohorts*, with reduced interaction among other cohorts.
- Parents will be responsible for screening their child at home for any signs of sickness. The school will provide screening information and expectations.
- If a student tests positive for COVID, fellow class members and close contacts will be expected to follow the guidance of local and state health authorities, which will likely involve a quarantine period of 14 days. During those 14 days, the class cohort group will attend virtual schooling.
- An updated sick policy is being written by medical professionals that all parents must sign prior to the beginning of the school year.
- If the school shuts down or a class has to quarantine, virtual schooling will take place. Virtual schooling is daily and will take place through live video with the classroom teacher. All schoolwork will be completed under the supervision of the teacher.
- Hybrid learning students that are at home, whether in quarantine or due to illness, and/or those students in the "at-risk" category, either from their own health or because of the health of those in their homes, the responsibility of their learning falls on the classroom teacher first. Classroom teachers will be responsible for compiling and distributing educational materials and support to students, utilizing planning periods if necessary. If additional support is needed for these students, other staff members will contribute (Title 1, Paras, etc.) to ensure that all educational needs of this student are met/fulfilled.

*A cohort is a group of people banded together or treated as a group.

More detailed policy and procedures are being developed and will be distributed soon.

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