



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN FRAMEWORK 2021-2022

School Name: Holy Trinity Catholic School	School Location: York
Principal: Mrs. Kathleen Smith	Date of Reopening: August 23, 2021
Type of Reopening: Total Reopening for all students and staff.	The Diocese will continually review this plan in light of CDC and Department of Health guidelines and in collaboration with school principals. (last update: July 19, 2021)
Health & Safety Team These individuals play a role in drafting the school plan and in responding to Covid-related matters during the school year.	
Individual	Stakeholder Group Represented
Fr. John Bateman, Fr Mark Weiss Kathleen Smith Jennifer Boger Jeff Pautz Lauren Gross Carolyn Smith Nicole Nirosky Carlie Sartiano	

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Holy Trinity Catholic School (HTCS) GUIDELINES

Acknowledgement Forms:

All parents will be required to sign an updated “acknowledgements and notices” form before the start of the 2021-22 school year. These will be similar to the forms signed before the 2020-21 school year.

Weekly Data Collection:

HTCS will continue to complete the weekly survey from the Office of Catholic Schools on Covid-related matters until further notice in order to ensure consistent data collection efforts.

Virtual Learning - Individual Request:

Permission must be obtained for children to attend HTCS virtually in the 2021-22 school year. We believe it is best to have our students in person in our schools, whenever possible.

Parents may make an application to the re-opening committee (not to the building principal) for consideration for virtual education. The application includes completion of a Google Form and an email including the needed medical documentation. Only medically-documented reasons will be considered. When the Diocese re-opening committee receives the application, the committee will consult with the building principal, Mrs. Smith, on the matter. The application, pertinent dates and email link can be found [here](#).

Virtual Learning - Response to Exposure:

If quarantine is needed for a group of students, the HTCS will strive to accommodate that group through a combination of virtual and traditional learning methods.

Temperature & Symptom Checks:

Temperature checks will not be done on a daily basis; rather, they will be reserved for screening potentially ill students or faculty and staff.

- Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking students for symptoms of illness and to keep students home when ill.
- As details of specific symptoms of concern are known, the school office will advise parents of any symptoms that require students to remain at home.
- Faculty and staff are to do a daily self-check for symptoms.

Social Distancing:

Students are expected to be three feet apart in the classroom, to the extent feasible.

Masks:

Masks are not required in our school for faculty, staff and students. They are optional for those who would prefer to wear them.

- Students will follow the rules of their school district re: masks when utilizing district transportation.

Vaccines:

Vaccines will not be required for anyone.

- Those vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if exposed to Covid.

Record of Vaccines:

Principals will need to know the vaccination status of the people in the buildings in order to be aware of the overall health situation in the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, if needed.

- Faculty and staff will inform the principal about their vaccination status at the proper time and through the proper channels.
- Parents of students are encouraged to let the principal know if children have been vaccinated.

- In all cases, the school will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard the privacy and dignity of all students, faculty and staff regarding vaccination status.

Quarantines:

We will await more information from the state to see if contact tracing and quarantine are required at all for those students and faculty and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.

Therefore, unvaccinated faculty, staff or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will need to quarantine based on time frames established by the CDC and adopted by the State of Pennsylvania. Fully vaccinated faculty, staff and students will NOT need to quarantine, and no contact tracing is needed. Clearly, any student or faculty or staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine, with the length of the quarantine to be determined by the Board of Health.

Parents, visitors and volunteers:

Parents, volunteers and other visitors will be allowed in schools.

- Those who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.
- Signage will be posted prominently in the lobby/office indicating that parents, visitors and volunteers in our school who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks while in the school.
- When signing in, parents, visitors and volunteers will sign that they understand and will comply with the request to mask if they are not fully vaccinated. No one will be asked for proof of vaccination when signing in.

Cleaning:

Areas in schools for common use -- that is, used regularly by multiple groups within the school --will to be cleaned regularly.

- Locker rooms, gyms, band and chorus areas, and any other spaces used by multiple school groups are to be cleaned in the middle of the week, ideally, but at least once a week.
- Lunchroom surfaces will be sanitized between lunch shifts.
- Classroom desks and high-traffic areas will be cleaned daily at the end of the school day.

Ventilation:

HTCS will make every effort to provide as much ventilation as possible in each classroom, as we did in 2020-21. Leaving windows and doors open in an appropriate manner is the simplest approach.

Handwashing and hygiene:

Students will be asked to wash/sanitize hands at sensible times, as always: at start and end of the school day, before and after lunch, when they have sneezed or used the restroom, and as needed.

Water fountains will not be used. Students to bring water bottles to school.

Field trips:

Reasonable field trips can be taken in the local area and must be approved by the principal.

Social, emotional and spiritual care for students:

HTCS will carefully monitor student learning and provide all possible resources to meet individual learning needs and to provide the best resources for social, emotional and spiritual growth for our students. As we did last year, we will take a team approach in our school: Teachers, parents, guidance counselors and priests will bring powerful resources to benefit our children.

Groupings: cohorts, assemblies, Mass, small group work

While we will not start the year with the strict cohorting system we used last year, our students will remain in the following cohorts:

PK and K

Grades 1, 2, 3

Grades 4, 5, 6

Students may work in small groups within the classroom. Maintain the three-foot distance, to the extent feasible.

Groupings - Cafeteria:

The cafeteria will be used. To the extent feasible, students will be three feet apart in the cafeteria. Commonly-used surfaces in the cafeteria will be cleaned between lunch shifts. Students will remain in their cohorts.

Groupings - Assemblies:

HTCS will schedule assemblies, as needed. As assemblies will bring together more than one school group, HTCS monitor spacing to ensure safety.

Groupings - Mass:

School Masses will continue, as per Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.