



2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols

The following protocols are the best practices in place for the 2021-22 school year. These guidelines are based on the low numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in our community at this time and by the recommendations of the Marion County Health Department (MCHD) and Office of Catholic Schools. These protocols are subject to change.

Masks/Face Coverings



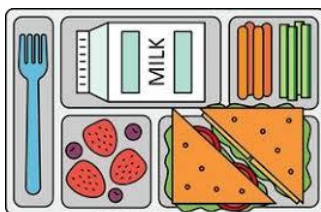
The MCHD recommends masks indoors for all unvaccinated staff and students. We also recommend masks inside for unvaccinated individuals when we are not able to maintain the 3-foot social distancing. We ask that all students bring a mask to school every day to keep in their book bag and be available if needed. Teachers, by their discretion and in their role in providing the safest possible environment, may require the use of masks when the recommended 3-feet social distancing is not possible.

Parents may require their children to be masked at all times. Please email your homeroom teacher if you would like your child to keep their mask on except when eating or drinking.

Any child riding the Franklin Township bus is required to wear a mask per federal mandate.

Mass

This year, we will be attending Mass as a school community on Thursdays. Masks are optional for students and staff when attending Mass. Students will be assigned the same seat in each Mass so if contact tracing is necessary, the effects will be limited.



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Titan Cafe

Students will eat in the cafeteria. Masks are optional in the Titan Café but can be worn after eating. Students will be assigned the same seat in the cafeteria so if contact tracing is necessary, the effects will be limited. Visitors are not permitted to eat lunch with students in the Titan Cafe.



Parents & Visitors

Parents and visitors can come into the school office to bring items or sign students in/out. We do request that ONLY parents of PK, K, and Grade 1 walk their child to the classroom door in the morning. It is the recommendation of the MCHD that parents and visitors wear a mask when in the school building regardless of their vaccination status.

Cleaning, Hygiene, and Social Distancing



Desks and hard surfaces will continue to be disinfected regularly. Teachers and staff will continue to encourage washing of hands and/or use of hand sanitizer and social distancing. Classroom spacing of three feet is recommended.

Water Bottles

Water fountains remain closed at Nativity. Students should bring a full water bottle to school daily. Each classroom is equipped with a water dispenser and cups in case a child's water bottle is empty.



Symptom Screening and Vaccination



Parents are key in keeping the spread of germs to a minimum in our school. We continue to ask parents to screen their children at home and keep any child having a fever of 100.4 or higher or showing symptoms of COVID-19 home. The Catholic Church fully supports the vaccination of all eligible people.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is required. If a student tests positive, he/she will need to be isolated. Parents of students that meet close contact criteria will be notified that their child has been potentially exposed to COVID-19. Options will be explained to parents. The options may include, quarantining, returning to school, or monitoring for symptoms. We will continue to be transparent and post weekly case numbers in our Thursday newsletter.



Morning Drop Off

Morning care will open at 7AM. Please drop morning care students off at door #1. The cost for morning care is \$1.50 per day. Students not attending morning care can be dropped off at door #1 at 7:45. They will go directly into the gym to be dismissed to their classroom at 8:00 by the morning care staff. Students arriving between 8:00 – 8:15 can enter the building through door #1, 3, or 5.

After 8:15, students must ring the doorbell at door #1 for entry.

Remote Learning

Remote/Virtual learning is not available for the 2021-22 school year. We will work diligently with quarantined students to keep up with missed work.

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