



SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN 2020 – 2021

PROVIDING NOTICE



ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND INSTRUCTION

Beginning August 17, 2020, St. Joseph Catholic School (SJCS) will begin face-to-face instruction for grades Montessori through 5th grade. A safe return back to school for students allows for the following:

- Continued access to school services.
- Effective/appropriate pace for learning.
- Continued social-emotional support and growth.
- Everyday growth focused on spirit, mind, and body.

Important and necessary modifications will be implemented in our school day to help reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19. ***SJCS may offer asynchronous distance learning in the event of a partial grade-level or entire school closure.***

SOME EXPECTED MODIFICATIONS



Only students in 1st – 5th grade will be asked to wear a mask throughout the school day (more specifications on the type of masks will be provided). All faculty and staff will wear a face shield and/or mask during in-class instruction. Each classroom will utilize transparent, stand-up dividers. Teachers will provide flexible seating to provide appropriate distancing within the classroom. Hand sanitizing pumps have been installed by all classroom doors and throughout the building. Students will use refillable water bottles to avoid drinking directly from water fountains. All students will be screened upon entering the gym/school at the beginning of each school day.

****Additional information will be released about lunch procedures, visitors on campus, and morning-drop off and***

PREVENTION

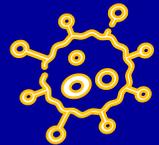


CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF COVID-19

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages, and Catholic school administrators, teachers, and staff should do everything feasible to keep students safe.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to significantly reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Cough
- Muscle Pain
- Runny Nose
- Chills
- Headache
- Vomiting
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea
- Fever > 100 (feeling feverish)
- Repeated Shaking with Chills
- New Loss of Taste or Smell

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19.

PREVENTION CONT'D



DESEASE TRANSMISSION

The virus is thought to spread primarily from person to person.

Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms (known as asymptomatic spread).

Any individual who fails the screening will not be admitted on campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry to the campus.

SCREENING FOR COVID-19

- SJCS personnel are required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day including taking their own temperature.
- All students will be screened, daily to determine if: (a) they have the COVID-19 symptoms listed in this document; or (b) they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- If necessary SJCS will screen all visitors to determine if: (a) they have COVID-19 symptoms listed in this document; or (b) they have had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19. When practical, screening questions could be supplemented with temperature checks of adults.

PREVENTION CONT'D



INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED, SUSPECTED, OR EXPOSED TO COVID-19

Any individuals—including teachers, staff, students, volunteers or other campus visitors—who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the Catholic school screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:



At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)



The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and



At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

If the individual has symptoms and wants to return to school before completing the stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical doctor –licensed in the state of Texas, note clearing the individual for return with an alternative diagnosis or (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19 via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location.

TESTING CENTER LOCATIONS

<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>

RESPONSE



IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COVID-19 CASES ON CAMPUS



SJCS will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian and immediately notify the diocesan superintendent. We will disinfect the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school immediately.

Any student who reports feeling feverish should be given an immediate temperature check to determine if they are symptomatic for COVID-19.

RESPONDING TO A LAB-CONFIRMED CASE IN THE SCHOOL



If an individual who has been in school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, SJCS will notify the superintendent and its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.



SJCS will close off areas that were heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces can be disinfected, unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

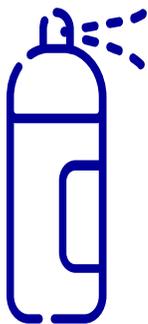


Consistent with diocesan and school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, SJCS will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate on any on campus activities.

REDUCING THE RISK



HEALTH AND HYGIENE PRACTICES



SJCS will institute more frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by janitorial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for faculty and staff to clean in ways that are safe and appropriate.

SJCS has contracted a company that has and will continue to disinfectant the entire campus on a quarterly basis (which is the duration of the professional grade chemicals using electrostatic applications).

