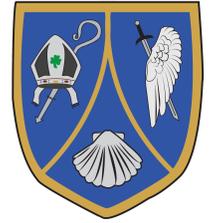

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Blessed Trinity Middle School and High School Faith Formation Covid-19 Guidelines

We, the administration of Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish and Diocese of Madison, are not in the medical field, so we must follow the advice of the established medical authorities: CDC, The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the various County Health Departments.

Protective Measure Guidelines

- Children's Personal Health Check: Parents should check the temperature of children daily before they attend any faith formation event. If children have any symptoms of sickness (temperature of 100.4 or above, chills, cough, body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea), they are not permitted to attend the event on that day. Children should be symptom free without medicine for 24 hours before returning to the parish.
- Adult Participants/Catechists/Adult Volunteers Health Check: Catechists, adult participants, and volunteers who assist in catechetical programming will take a daily temperature of themselves before attending formation at the parish. If adults have any symptoms of sickness (temperature of 100.4 or above, chills, cough, body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, or diarrhea), they are not permitted to attend an event on that day. Adults should be symptom free without medicine for 24 hours before returning to the parish.
- Social Distancing: We will, to our best ability, maintain distancing of at least 6 feet apart.
- Masking: Masking is required at this time (until September 28) in the State of Wisconsin according to a statewide mandate issued by Governor Evers for all individuals who are age 5 and up. Those who are unable to wear a face covering for reasons of health, such as difficulty breathing, are exempt from the order, but they should keep socially distant (6 feet to the greatest extent possible) while attending faith formation.
- Games: Games and activities that will be played during formation times will have minimal personal contact and respect social-distancing guidelines.
- Parish Facilities: Tables, desks, and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized at the end of each night after use. Desks and learning spaces will be set up in an arrangement that allows participants to be socially distanced at 6 feet apart to the greatest extent possible.

Policy & Procedures for COVID-19 Exposure & Positive Tests

- Transparency & Charity: All those involved in faith formation (parish catechetical leaders, catechists, volunteers, and participants) should be transparent and honest about any health concerns related to the COVID-19 situation. We must always act in charity in our response to possible COVID-19 symptoms or concerns.
- Response to Catechists/Volunteers Who Test Positive for COVID-19: If an employee, parish catechetical leader, catechist, or volunteer tests positive for COVID -19, the spaces in which

that person worked or resided will be closed off and deep cleaned. The individual will be expected to be quarantined for 10 days (or follow their local county ordinance) and will not return to serve in the parish unless he or she meets the following criteria: fever free for 3 days (without medicine), symptoms have subsided, county requirements for quarantine have been observed, or at least 10 days have passed without any symptoms.

- Response of Those Who Show Symptoms, Have Been Exposed or Suspect Illness: Those who begin to show symptoms of illness or suspect illness should not attend formation sessions. Spaces that were occupied by the individual will be disinfected. The individual should choose a self-imposed quarantine (according to county guidelines) and seek a COVID-19 test. No one should return to service until any necessary quarantine ends and symptoms have subsided.
- Children/Families Who Test Positive for COVID-19: If a participant in faith formation tests positive for COVID-19, the spaces which that person occupied will be closed off and deep cleaned. The individual will be expected to be quarantined for 10 days (or according to local county ordinance). A participant should not return to the parish unless he or she meets the following criteria: fever free for 3 days (without medicine), symptoms have subsided, county requirements for quarantine have been observed, or at least 10 days have passed without any symptoms. Families who have one member who tests positive for COVID-19 should assume that all members have been exposed. Families ought to consider quarantining as a unit or having all members tested. Members of the family should not return to formation until the expected quarantine time for “no symptoms” has passed.
- Notification to Participants in Faith Formation Regarding a Positive COVID -19 Test: If a participant, parish catechetical leader, catechist or employee tests positive for COVID-19, the parish upon notification will immediately contact medical authority or public health officials for consultation and follow appropriate directives/suggestions, especially for those who may have been exposed to the infected person. Directives may include notification to participants, parents, staff, etc., with appropriate instructions to individuals. Exposure cases may vary in potential severity and risk based on the situational elements at the time and place of exposure, such as the symptomatic nature of the infected person at the time of exposure, the duration of exposure, the proximity of exposure, protective measures in place at the time (e.g., facial coverings), and the confined nature of the space. The potential directives for an exposure case may vary as well, including sanitation of space, testing, monitoring for symptoms, tracing, tracking, and quarantining.

Health Screening Check-In Procedure Upon Arrival:

As Students/Catechists/Adult Volunteers arrive, they will have their temperature taken.

If catechists, volunteers, or students have a temperature over 100.4, they will be asked to go home.

Updates for the guidelines will be on our website: www.btcatholic.us. It is the family’s responsibility to stay attune to changes.

I understand and will adhere to these guidelines.

Signature

Date