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St. Mary Catholic Church: Faith Formation- Plan B

Under Plan B opening/COVID response, St. Mary Church will require face masks for all students, grades K – 8, for staff and for any visitors on campus, per the directives of NCDHHS StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Tool Kit (K-12), and of the Office of Education, Diocese of Raleigh. In addition, classes and classroom spaces will be arranged to guarantee a minimum of 6 feet of social distance throughout the day.

Social Distancing:

1. Entering and dismissing from SMS will be rerouted to lessen congestion at a main entrance.
 - a. **Students in grades 1th, Lower Communion, 3rd-** will enter through the end playground doors, nearest to the parish office building.
 - b. **Students in grades 4th, 5th, Upper Communion, Confirmation-Jason-** will enter through the front office doors.
 - c. **Students in Confirmation-Martha and Middle Edge-** will enter through the front door of the vestibule between church and school.
 - d. Everyone will be requested through posted signs and floor markings and through verbal reminders and instruction to maintain at least 6 feet of spacing while waiting for health screenings to gain entrance at each location. During Faith Formation hours, visitors will be discouraged, but any required to come in for school business will do so through the front office door after being screened.

1st Grade: Carmen (1st grade)

Lower Communion: Daniela (2nd grade)

3rd Grade: Erica (3rd grade)

4th Grade/5th Grade: Casey and Daniel (4th grade)

Confirmation-Jason: Jason (5th grade) 9am-10am

Upper Communion: Diana and Banesa (6th Grade)

Middle Edge: Sherry and Mark (John Paul II room)

Confirmation-Martha: Martha (Faith Formation room)

2. ****Note that students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer each time they come in from outside and as frequently as possible during the day.**
3. The office will subject all essential visitors to health checks prior to entering the building and request timely completion of business. No seating area will be allowed in the school office for visitors. On occasion, visitors may be asked to remain outside until the office has sufficient space to allow adequate social distancing. Physical barriers are installed in the school office.



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4. Hallway movement (for entrance, dismissal, restrooms) will be one way on each side of the hall (which does allow 6 ft of horizontal separation) and students will move in lines that also maintain social distancing of 6 ft. Floor markings and signage will provide reminders. Whenever students are in the hallway, masks will be worn.
5. All teachers may remove cloth face coverings when instructing, as long as social distancing may be maintained.
6. Students may wear any design, color, style face covering that is not offensive or distracting.
7. If a student or staff member has documentation from their health care provider stating they cannot tolerate wearing a cloth face mask covering due to developmental, behavioral or medical needs, the individual will be required to wear a plastic face shield that wraps around the sides of the face and extends below the chin.
8. Students may wear any design, color, style face covering that is not offensive or distracting.
9. Signs will be posted at all entrances asking people who have been symptomatic with fever and/or cough to not enter. Staff, students and families will receive guidance about signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and of other illnesses to help them know when they should stay home and when it is safe to return to school.
10. **When seated within classrooms 6 ft apart—with minimal movement within the room—students may remove their face coverings with teacher permission. However, when approached by the teacher or another classmate, both parties must wear the mask until adequate social distancing is again achieved. Students and staff will always wear face coverings when in the hallway and when admitting and dismissing students.



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NCDHHS has very specific guidelines for when staff and students may return to school following an illness:

*If a person has had a negative COVID-19 test, he/she can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and the person has felt well for at least 24 hours;

*If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical professional based on a test or symptoms, that person should not be at school until able to answer YES to the following 3 questions—

Has it been at least 10 days since the individual had the first symptoms?

Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without fever-reducing medication)?

Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

*A person can return to school, following normal school policies, if he or she receives confirmation of an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional that would explain the COVID-19 like symptoms once there is no fever and he or she has felt well for 24 hours. (for example—a sore throat turns out to be Strep throat).

SMS will notify local health authorities of confirmed COVID-19 cases among children and staff and coordinate with local health officials for notification of staff and families immediately as needed—while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA and all other state and federal laws.

If a student/employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, he or she must remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID diagnostic test, assuming that symptoms have not appeared subsequently.

A student/employee that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has been presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms is not required to have documentation of a negative test to return to school.

A student/employee that has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 must remain out of school for 14 days since the last date of exposure unless he/she tests positive. (then they follow the procedures above for positive tests). Anyone exposed must complete the full 14 days of quarantine, even with a negative test result.

Remote/virtual learning will be provided for all students unable to be at school due to illness or exposure to prevent falling behind.



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Cleaning and Hygiene:

Students will be encouraged to wash hands frequently with soap and water (adequate supplies have been obtained by the school). Effective handwashing methods (20 seconds or more) will be reviewed with all students and staff members. Approved hand sanitizer will be used when washing hands is impractical. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed at every entrance and in every instructional space in the building. All students will be supervised in the safe use of hand sanitizer.

“Safe” strategies for sneezing and coughing (into elbow or covered with tissue) will also be reviewed with all staff and students.

We have limited the use of shared supplies and will store student supplies so that they are returned to the same child each day. Supplies will be labeled and stored in individual containers that can be sanitized.

**At this time paper-based materials such as books and loose leaf paper are not considered high-risk for COVID-19 transmission. We will monitor these findings carefully over time.

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Attachments:

1. Student Symptom Screening Parent/Guardian Attestation

Attestation forms will be available at the church, but it will save time if you can print and complete before arrival. Please note—temperature checks must be done at school using our thermometers.