



Return to School Guidance for Students and Families

To ensure consistency and safety for students, faculty, staff, and families the following is a comprehensive guide to returning to in person classes at St. Joachim School for the 2020-2021 school year. We understand the seriousness of the novel coronavirus (SARVS-CoV-2) thus referred to as COVID-19 and the impact that it has on the world and the dangers it presents to those with underlying health conditions and other unique situations. However, the return to in person classes is the best way to educate young children while providing them a continuous Christ-centered education daily.

Morning Student Drop-Off

As students arrive at St. Joachim School they will remain in their vehicle and have their temperature checked by a staff member. If a student has a temperature of 100.4°F or higher they will be sent home for the day and will be able to return to school after being fever free for 72 hours.

Social Distancing

When in hallways, classrooms, the cafeteria, and any other locations, social distancing of 3 to 6 feet will be required. When social distancing is not possible, masks for students in fourth thru eighth grade will be strongly encouraged.

Face Masks/Coverings

Students (4th Grade and older) are encouraged to wear face masks/coverings when they are in a situation where social distancing is not possible. Any student who becomes ill will be provided a face mask and isolated with adult supervision.

Cafeteria/ Lunch

Students will sit socially distanced and sit in an assigned seat with their class.

Hand Washing

Students will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer when entering a building, before eating, after eating, after restroom usage, after recess/outdoor activity, and before any group activity.



Restrooms

The number of individuals in the restrooms will be limited. Each class will be scheduled to use the restroom at a specific time to avoid mixing students from different classes.

Visitor Policy

Visitors, including parents, will be limited to essential business. All visitors must be screened by school staff, masked, and approved by school administration.

After School Care

After School Care will be offered again this year to students and families until 5p.m. To maintain social distancing and healthy protocols After School Care will take place in a designated space within the school cafeteria.

Water Fountains/Water Bottles

Students will be required to bring a water bottle to school this year. Water fountains and water bottle filling stations will be available for use throughout the day.

Students who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but who experience symptoms may return if the following three conditions are met:

- a. No fever for at least 72 hours (three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fever); and
- b. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- c. At least seven (7) calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Students who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following three conditions are met:

- a. No fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- b. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- c. Two negative tests in a row at least 24 hours apart have been received.



Students who have been tested with no symptoms

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have gone seven (7) calendar days without symptoms and have been released by a health care provider.

If a sibling has tested positive for COVID-19:

Everyone from the household will be excluded from school. If all laboratory tests come back negative, everyone may return to school. However, if anyone has a positive test; siblings must also quarantine for 14 days as recommended by the Washington County Health Department.

Distance Learning

A version of distance learning for students with specific needs will be approved by school administration, when needed.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- If a surface is not visibly dirty, it will be cleaned with an EPA-registered product that both cleans (removes germs) and disinfects (kills germs). Disinfection usually requires the product to remain on the surface for the specified dwell time (e.g., letting it stand for 3 to 5 minutes).
- Using disinfecting wipes or heavy concentrated rags of sanitizer on electronic items that are touched often, such as phones, computer keyboards and remotes.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces of objects that are touched often. Daily sanitizing surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as desks, countertops, doorknobs, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, playground equipment and toys.
- Staff will immediately clean and disinfect visibly soiled surfaces and objects. If surfaces or objects are soiled with body fluids or blood, use gloves and Universal Precautions to avoid coming into contact with the fluid.
- Special considerations will be given to disinfecting lockers, cafeteria tables, SMART Boards and individual desktops.
- If time allows, teachers will disinfect between movements of students, remembering proper disinfecting techniques.



*Please note: At any time these guidelines could change due to mandates and restrictions set forth by the Washington County Health Department, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and local/state/national government.

Supporting Documents:

Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools: https://8f389e03-f47f-499c-a36c-d7e450d1454c.filesusr.com/ugd/023407_0e56a45aaad34c278a7f9b36fb1d40a8.pdf
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Catholic School Task Force 2020: https://8f389e03-f47f-499c-a36c-d7e450d1454c.filesusr.com/ugd/023407_81d0aff7bfd14c40a40413d47a58cbdb.pdf

COVID Considerations for Schools: https://8f389e03-f47f-499c-a36c-d7e450d1454c.filesusr.com/ugd/023407_58f2aa6dfc3d4b398218425e28969e1b.pdf

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