



Catholic Education Office

Diocesan School Reopening Plan

Fall 2020 in response to COVID-19

The Catholic Education Office, in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the Rockford Diocesan Chancery Office, and school administrators, has worked diligently to develop a school reopening plan. Our plan allows students to return to campus in a manner that reduces the risk in our school environment, and enables us to focus on the whole child.

Our schools will provide in-class instruction and will start on the first day of school. As your child returns to school, he or she will notice several classroom modifications to support students safe return. This plan will be regularly updated based upon the guidance from local, state, and federal health authorities. School principals will share updated information on the school's website and distribute all updates to parents via the school's communication system.

Temperature Screening

Temperature checks are required for all students, teachers, and staff members. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4F or above will be sent home. A doctor's note will be required prior to returning to school. Anyone with a temperature or feeling ill should stay home.



Visitors & Volunteer Protocols

At this time for the 2020—2021 school year, nonessential visitors are asked to not visit the school building. Those essential visitors who enter the building are required to wear masks and limit the time they are actually in the building.



Cleaning & Disinfecting

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols have been established. High touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be available for student and staff use.



Mass, Large Gathering & Sporting Events

School Masses will follow the established protocols of "Back in His Presence." These protocols are currently being used for Sunday liturgies.

Social distancing for all gatherings on the parish/school campus, inside or outside, will be observed. All athletic sporting events must adhere to local, state, and diocesan guidelines.



Strategic Social Distancing

Students, teachers, and staff will social distance and will wear masks. Classroom seating will be arranged to maximize social distancing. Classes will alternate the use of common campus areas such as hallways, playgrounds, libraries, and during physical education classes.



Academics

Students will begin the 2020—2021 academic year with in-class instruction as indicated on the regular school calendar with the exception that specific health and safety procedures will be in place. If it becomes necessary to revert back to e-Learning, we will continue to provide a solid academic program to the students and families we serve. Thank you for your understanding.

