

June 25, 2020

Dear Saint Mary School Community,

As many of you are aware, the long-awaited Initial Requirements and Related Guidance for Fall School Reopening was released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education today. We have been closely examining the document to determine how Saint Mary School can best implement the health and safety requirements so that the possibility of an in-person return to school can become a reality. The current medical situation indicates that students will be able to return to full in-person instruction in the Fall provided that the medical situation does not change. We are cautiously optimistic that the small size of our school will be a huge benefit to us in adhering to the guidelines. We ask for your continued patience as we structure a plan that satisfies the requirements so that all students and staff can safely and effectively return to Saint Mary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are assembling a "Reentry Team" of stakeholders who will be involved in the development of a plan that will be submitted to DESE. This plan will attest to our ability to make the necessary modifications that will allow us to reopen in the fall. Although our priority is to create an in-person model with safety requirements, we will also outline alternative models for hybrid and remote learning in the event they are needed. The Reentry Team will communicate with you often, so it is important to regularly check your email for updates over the summer.

We encourage you to read the full document here:

[\*Initial Fall Reopening Guidance\*](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Jeannie MacDonough