

Return to School

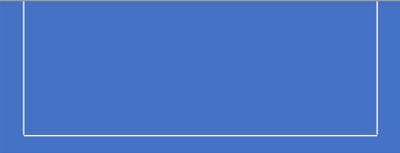
**Frequently Asked
Questions**

NCC Elementary and Middle School

8/5/20

Welcome – Prayer

COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity



<https://www.usccb.org/resources/covid-19-prayer-solidarity>

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

GENERAL INFORMATION:



1. The current plan is a draft form
2. Parent feedback and staff/faculty feedback is an important part of strengthening the plan
3. The plan was shared with the staff earlier this week
4. We will continue to consult with health departments and make adjustment to our plan as appropriate
5. Thank you for sharing your feedback and participating in this conversation

Who can close school?



1. The local health department
2. The governor (executive order – MI Safe Start Plan, MERC region)
3. School leadership

Who decides if/when a quarantine is needed?

1. The local health department
2. The school may limit access / isolate / remove a student based on symptoms related to COVID-19. In this instance, a doctor's note would be required to return to school.

COVID Protocol: (I)

Taken from updated Diocese Protocol



- **What if a student displays symptoms of COVID-19?**

- Please keep your child home from school and consult your personal physician. Depending on the circumstances, your child may be referred for testing and excluded from school for 10 days or until symptom free, AND without fever reducing medication.
- If this occurs during the school day, the student will be placed in supervised isolation, with a mask (if appropriate based on student's ability to medically tolerate a mask). Parents or guardians will be contacted to pick the child up from school.

COVID Protocol: (2)

Taken from updated Diocese Protocol



- **What if a student tests positive for COVID-19?**

- Typically, the local county health department will contact the parent/guardian and the school to complete the case investigation and ensure that close contacts are excluded. ‘Close contacts’ are typically anyone that has spent a significant amount of time (10-15 minutes or longer) at a distance six feet or less to a confirmed positive case. Other circumstances may be considered to establish if a person is a close contact, but each situation should be considered on its own merits.
- If a parent of a student has not been contacted by the local county health department, it is appropriate to contact school’s administration / COVID response coordinator to ensure that other students and staff in the class(es) and related activities can be notified. This contact is also essential to allow the school to take appropriate cleaning precautions.
- A student who is confirmed positive for COVID 19 should isolate for 10 days and cannot return to school until 10-days after symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medicines. For persons who never develop symptoms, the quarantine period ends 10 days after the date of their first positive test.

COVID Protocol: (3)

Taken from updated Diocese Protocol



- **When can a student return to school following a positive COVID-19 test?**
 - The [CDC's criteria](#) to discontinue home isolation following a COVID-19 test (or possible close contact) is at least 24 hours without a high fever AND the 10-day quarantine period from the period of the first symptoms.
- **What does my child do if another household member tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - If another household member tests positive, the exposed student will enter a 14-day quarantine period away from school, even if the student shows no symptoms. The quarantine period will be established by the local county health department in accordance with CDC and MDHHS guidelines.
- **What if a staff member displays symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - Staff members are subject to the same protocols as a student.

COVID Protocol: (4)

Taken from updated Diocese Protocol



- **What happens if another student or staff member in my child's class/activity tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - School will contact appropriate students and staff to inform them of a positive case.
 - In all COVID-19 positive cases, schools will consult with the county health department for the next steps related to contact tracing, need for others to be tested and/or quarantined, as well as the impact on the operation of the school.
 - A classroom, portion of a building, entire building and/or activity could be shut down due to a positive test(s). Response may vary based on social distancing and level of cohorting that is in place.

- **How long do you expect that these restrictions and guidelines will be in place?**
 - Given the seriousness of the present situation, these guidelines will be in place for the remainder of the year, and are subject to change depending on the how prevalent the virus is in the community and other factors that may affect the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff.

COVID Protocol: (4)

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- **If I travel to areas experiencing a significant outbreak of COVID-19, will that impact my child returning to in-person instruction on the first day of school?**
 - Possibly. Daily health screenings associated with the return to school / daily attendance may ask you (as well as our staff and faculty) to self-report travel over the previous two-week period. It is possible that travel to areas experiencing a significant outbreak of COVID-19 and/or the failure to socially distance can result in the delay of your child being able to attend school and school sponsored activities. This action would only be taken after consultation with local health departments and/or guidance from appropriate governmental agencies. The [CDC has guidance related to domestic and international travel](#) that may be helpful
 - Significant outbreak areas include: (a) any state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents (i.e., 10% test positivity rate) over a seven day rolling average, as specified by Johns Hopkins University; (b) any country subject to an applicable CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice, with widespread ongoing transmission; and/or (c) other areas of restricted travel identified by MDHHS or the local county health department.

Masks:



1. Students are welcome to wear masks at any time (other than when eating/drinking)
2. We will continue to review the potential for masks to be worn at the K-5 level
3. We are working to provide a mask, w/ approved logo for students / staff
4. A document is being generated to communicate mask policy as it relates to uniform / appropriate masks
5. Storage of masks: we are exploring appropriate ways to store masks when students are cohorted

Movement in / Access to Building :



1. Ability to **maintain cohorting is key** at elementary and middle school level.
2. Parents –Volunteers: Guidance is clear, limit all unnecessary – nonessential individuals in the building
3. Arrival:
 - Health screening: app is being considered (working with health departments)
 - Challenges of an app is limited ability to check in real time
 - Preschool student drop off: will be clarified
4. Lunch: in classrooms, food will be delivered, exploring limited use of cafeteria
5. Specials: still being evaluated
 - May allow classes to travel to classrooms, depending on grade level
 - 6-8: change classes through the day, will move to specials classroom
 - Specific cleaning process will be in place
 - Gym / Band to be held outside when possible
 - Intervention to be done in grade level classroom



Movement in / Access to Building : (2)

6. Use of building after school will depend on:
 - Cleaning schedule
 - Individuals involved (non NCC students/staff)

7. Field Trips: should not be expected / planned for at this time

Athletics:

1. To be determined
2. Will depend on MHSAA guidance and action taken by VPL
3. We will be registering students for fall sports (emailed to community)
4. Please monitor updates from athletic department

Cleaning:

1. Per plan, common touch areas to be cleaned at least every four (4) hours
2. Desks to be cleaned at change of class (where appropriate)
3. Clear guidance on handwashing / hygiene

Lockers:

1. Goal is to avoid congregation / clusters of students – maintain social distancing
2. Considering plan to allow locker access in a staggered fashion once hallways is clear



Instruction:

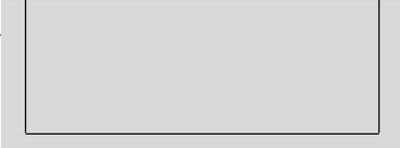


1. Group work: can be done with proper barriers / individual items / cleaning protocol
2. Hybrid Approach:
 - Our small class sizes allow us to, in most cases, provide reasonable social distancing
 - Public school also have the challenge of transportation
3. Online learning:
 - Diocese Plan: not enough interest to construct a full program at this time
 - Considering various approaches to virtual instruction for NCC E/MS and HS
 - Gauging staff interest in providing support for virtual instruction
 - Platform: Google Classroom / SeeSaw
 - Clear expectations will be established for students, parents, faculty.
 - Training will be provided to staff
 - We will reach out to each family that expressed interest on the Diocese survey

Latch Key – After School Care:

1. We hope to continue to provide after school care
2. Will need to consider cohorting of students and social distancing
3. Capacity may be reduced





QUESTIONS (VIA CHAT BOX)





-THANK YOU-