



Holy Family Regional Catholic School

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Dear Families,

The unprecedented nature of our work to successfully launch the 2020-21 school year, featuring how to best keep our community safe, is a very dynamic challenge.

It is clear that the opportunity for our community to pray, grow in faith, and achieve academic excellence will look different as we move ahead.

In previous communications, I have tried to share an overview of the steps and actions we are taking to make our building safe for students and staff. Although school district transportation support is not yet clear, it is important to share our options for school instruction and learning.

The core of our work is focused on providing the lowest risk in-classroom live instruction. Simultaneously, our staff is enhancing our preparedness in the event the school or classroom must shut down or quarantine.

As shared in a previous update, ensuring daily classroom group size and implementing safe daily practices, which allow for adequate social distancing has demanded that we explore new ways of “attending” school.

The re-opening information shared below targets the available options our school plans to provide in an effort to keep virus risk low and offer in-person instruction.

To best ensure safe social distance, space and interaction, our classroom teaching staff in grades Pre-K - 8 will be prepared to deliver instruction each school day.

Students in grades Pre-K3 and Pre-K4:

Will be offered in-class instruction on a regular basis; our class size ensures less, but no more than 12 students will be in each classroom. (Virtual/live stream support will be provided as needed).

Students in Kindergarten:

Will be spaced in two separate classrooms, taught by Mrs. Farley and monitored by Mrs. Weidle. Classroom space will allow for less, but no more than 12 students in each setting. (Virtual/live stream support will be provided as needed).

Students in Grades 1-8:

***Alternate Day in Person / Live Stream from home (A/B schedule)**

***Alternate Day in Person / Live Stream from alternate schoolroom (A/B schedule)**

***Every Day Live Stream from Home**

Teachers are planning to implement this alternate day approach (A/B) through October 16, 2020.

Each school day, all core subjects, lessons and instruction will be live streamed for virtual access.

All students will participate in learning **alternately** in a live or virtual way.

For example if a student attends in class instruction on “A” day, the next day they will participate via live stream from either another school site location or home.

The alternate schedule will be assigned alphabetically by student last name (Day A: Last name A-L in class/Last name M-Z live streaming. Day B: Last name A-L Live stream/Last name M-Z in class).

In-classroom instruction will be limited to **13 students** engaged and socially distanced as previously shared. Classroom capacity of 13 students allows for beyond 6 feet of spacing in classrooms.

On the days when a student is not participating in live instruction, they have the option to access livestream instruction from their home or Holy Family will offer an in-school, safe and socially distant spaced location where children can stream in-class instruction, and be monitored by school staff.

An example of Tentative Alternate Day Streaming Rooms and Capacity student size projection is below:

Alternate Room	Group Size *not to exceed	# of Supervisors
First Floor Classroom #110	Grade 1 = 5 student Grade 2 = 6 student Less than 12	1
Second Floor Classroom #208	Grade 4 = 6 students Grade 5 = 6 students Less than 13	1
Degnan Hall *large space	Grade 3 = 9 students Grade 6 = 10 students Less than 20	2
Computer Lab	Grade 7 = 5 Grade 8 = 2 Less than 8	1

To help us best implement and staff this element of our re-opening plan, it is important to gauge how many students will be utilizing the in-school alternative locations plan or learning virtually full time from home through October 16, 2020.

Please complete the survey by clicking here:

<https://forms.gle/2bSbRMptgZKdra788>

We ask that you do this by Thursday, August 6th.

Sincerely,

Charles Hughes
Principal