



Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School Plymouth Meeting, PA Reopening Plan for the School Year 2021-2022

This plan was written in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the following governing agencies: Center for Disease Control, PA Department of Education, Montgomery County and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Parent and School Partnership

Together we will work to keep your children and ourselves safe. We ask that you monitor your child's health daily. Please use the checklist prepared by the CDC for your daily morning check before your child comes to school. We trust that all families are diligent about completing this each day. The checklist is included in this document.

We will work with the students to review the new protocols. We plan to be conscientious about monitoring the wearing of masks and social distancing. We encourage you to read through this document with them.

ARRIVAL/BEGINNING OF THE DAY

General Guidelines

Our students will wear masks when entering the building and they will sanitize their hands at one of the three stations at the entrances to the school.

Students will sanitize their hands each time they leave the building and again upon reentry of the building.

Car Riders

Families will travel by car to the church side of the school. A teacher will greet you and student(s) will exit the car. Students will proceed to homeroom lines outside in good weather. In inclement weather, cars will drive up to the curb where students will be greeted by a teacher and then they will go directly to their homerooms inside the building.

Bus Riders

Buses will drop off the students at the gym doors by the CYO shed. One bus will be unloaded at a time. Two teachers will monitor the bus arrivals.

DAILY PROTOCOLS

Our teachers and staff will wear masks during the day.

Classroom Setup

Desks will be positioned 3 ft. apart from one another. Mask breaks will be available throughout the day. Students sitting at tables will be 3 feet apart.

Ventilation

Classroom doors will remain open at all times. Classroom windows will be opened as often as possible. When the AC is on in the classrooms, the windows will be opened to increase air flow.

INSTRUCTION

MCIU Instruction

Our students who qualify will continue to be instructed by the MCIU.

Virtual Instruction

Virtual Instruction will be available for serious medically documented health issues at the discretion of the principal.

LUNCH and FOOD PROTOCOL

Students will eat in the cafeteria.

Process

Students should wash hands before lunch.

Tables will be wiped down before and after each meal.

Shared meals are discouraged.

Students should wash hands after lunch.

Students are positioned three feet apart each other.

Masks may be removed when eating.

During levels of high COVID transmission, it is recommended that students will eat in their classrooms.

Pretzels

Pretzels will come from the vendor individually wrapped. The bag or box for the entire class will be picked up by a student from the homeroom.

Birthday Celebrations

We will announce your child's birthday each morning as we have always done. Prepackaged birthday treats may be brought in for your child's class, and they do not need to be brought in days in advance.

RECESS

Students will attend recess with their homeroom without a mask, if they choose, depending on the COVID level.

Hands will be sanitized before participating in any recess activities, as well as before reentering the classroom after recess.

Our recess space will be split into 6 different zones. Each homeroom will rotate to a different section each day. Each homeroom will have a set of equipment that can be used while playing at recess. The equipment will be sanitized after each use. The equipment is not to be shared among homerooms.

RESTROOM PROTOCOL

Grades PreK through second grade will have a predetermined restroom schedule to allow teachers to monitor the amount of students in each bathroom- (2 students at a time).

We also will be implementing a restroom magnet system: in each class there will be a magnetic “restroom pass”. If a student has to use the restroom, they will take the magnet and place it outside of the restroom to indicate a person is inside. If there are two magnets outside the door, students will have to wait outside. The student will return the magnet to their classroom and there will be sanitizing wipes available to clean the magnet.

TRANSITIONS

General Guidelines

Students will travel to specials (Art, Music, Technology, Gym, Library, and Lab). We will monitor the amount of students traveling at one time. Students will travel the hallway using two separate paths to limit contact with other homerooms.

HEALTH MONITORING

General Guidelines

Teachers will monitor their student’s behaviors and symptoms closely throughout the day.

Sanitizing Procedures

We will disinfect high touch areas throughout the day. At the end of the day teachers will clean classrooms with sanitizing products. Our cleaning company, who we have employed for many years, will continue to clean the balance of the school in the evening.

Hand Sanitizers

Students will have their own sanitizer all day for their personal use. Teachers will also have a good supply of hand sanitizers.

Masks

Students, faculty and staff will be required to wear masks throughout the day. Masks should be marked with your child’s name.

Gaiter Sleeves are prohibited.

Positive Cases

If we have cases of COVID, local health officials will help identify those individuals and follow up with next steps.

WHEN A CHILD SHOULD BE KEPT HOME

Monitoring Health

Every day, parents are primarily responsible for monitoring the health of their children. Teachers will check the health of their students during the day.

Partnership

Catholic elementary schools are inherently a partnership between the parent and the school. This is never more important than at this time and an even greater partnership is now needed. It is our goal to open this school year and remain open. This cannot be possible unless the school and the parents agree to the importance of monitoring your child's health daily. Most importantly, this means that children who are experiencing symptoms such as:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Parents need to keep their child home until medically cleared to return to school. With parental cooperation in this matter, we will be able to keep the schools open and safe.

Confidentiality

As always, confidentiality is paramount. As always, we will not share information with other families. If a cohort is required to quarantine due to COVID complications, names will not be used when notifying the families who are involved. It is critical that we trust in our partnership so that timely and efficient reporting will occur and exposure can be contained.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Mass and Prayer Services

We will plan to attend daily mass and First Friday Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord Church while wearing masks.

Prayer Partners

We will continue our special tradition of prayer partners. The classes will be working together virtually or outside, safely distanced.

Daily Prayer

We will begin each morning with the recitation of the Pope Francis prayer for the end to the coronavirus. We will begin each class with a teacher/student led prayer. Each classroom will have a prayer corner where students may pray/reflect.

DISMISSAL

Car

Students will be dismissed by homeroom and line up according. Students will be dismissed from the gym doors by the CYO sheds. Preschool and Kindergarten will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Bus

Student buses will be dismissed by homeroom and line up according to their bus route.

CARES

General Guidelines

- Students will wear masks at all times.
- CARES will be in the gym or outside.
- Tables will be sanitized after a student eats. Students will not be permitted to share food at any time.
- Students may not share school supplies.
- Students may not engage in any physical contact.

PM CARES

- CARES will be unable to provide school supplies. The students should bring their own supplies to complete homework. In an emergency situation, supplies can be provided, but will be disinfected after use.
- Students will be outside as much as possible, weather permitting.
- When outside, CARES students will have specific places to play. There will be outdoor games/activities available.
- A CARES staff member will walk the child to the door to meet their parent/guardian. The staff member will wipe the pen and clipboard with Clorox wipes after each parent signs out.
- All areas and objects that the children come in contact with will be sanitized at the end of CARES each day.

LARGE GROUP EVENTS

General Guidelines

Band will be held in person this school year. Mr. Cherego will be contacting interested families.

Field Trips

Field trips are postponed until further notice.

Back to School Night and Parent Teacher Conferences

Plans are for in person Back to School Night at this juncture.

MISCELLANEOUS

Water Fountains

Our fountains will be shut off for individual drinking. The two bottle filler fountains will be available for the students.

CLOSING REMARKS

This is a constantly evolving situation, and we will continue to adapt so that we can provide a safe environment for our students and teachers. It is our goal to provide a quality Catholic education for our families for a full school year.

Thank you for your part in helping us achieve this goal. This challenge will take teamwork!

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