



# Maria Regina School

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Dear Parents,

We hope that this communication finds you well. Maria Regina School is happy to share with you the school's Reopening Plan, as prepared in conjunction with Perrotta Consulting L.L.C. a threat mitigation and emergency operation planning company. We are pleased to announce that Maria Regina School is able to open fully for 5 full days of instruction beginning on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for all grades Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Consideration has been made on the number of students that can safely occupy a classroom while maintaining social distancing guidelines. The following modifications will need to be made:

- Additional sections of classes will be added so that each class is no larger than 15 in Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten and no larger than 18 students in a class in Grades 1 through 8, respectively. Due to these limitations, seats are limited. On Monday, we will be sending out a survey to all parents to complete with your intention for returning to determine how many sections of each class we will need and can accommodate. Once the building is at capacity, under social distancing guidelines, seats will be waitlisted.
- The Art, Music, Library, Science and Computer Labs, as well as the Academic Intervention Services Reading & Math Rooms will be converted into classroom space, if necessary. Please know that we are taking into consideration all spaces in the school building that can safely accommodate students within social distancing guidelines.
- Teachers will switch classes in the upper grades instead of students. Special subject teachers will travel to the students instead of switching classes.
- Distance/Remote Learning can be requested as a modification with a medical approval/recommendation.

The full plan is attached, however, here are some key points to highlight:

- Students will participate in mandatory temperature checks upon arrival. Any student with a temperature that is 100.0 or above will be taken to the school Nurse. Parents will be notified. Students will be placed in an isolation room until they are picked up by a

parent/guardian.

- Staff and students will be trained on how to follow new COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, and social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer stations have been mounted on the wall outside of each classroom and will be available for individuals as they enter and leave classrooms.
- Face coverings will be required for everyone when entering and exiting the school building or classroom and when in common areas. Students will be able to remove face coverings when seated at a safe social distance (6 feet) at their desk. Students at higher risk (with medical documentation) will be given preferential seating in the classroom.
- Our maintenance staff has directed our cleaning company to conduct a thorough cleaning of our entire facility. The maintenance team will continue to clean and disinfect the school premises during the school year. Each classroom will have its own cleaning supplies that will be used throughout the day. All of our products meet OSHA/CDC requirements. The procedures of cleaning, sanitization and disinfecting of student desk surfaces will take place throughout the day. High touch points throughout the building will be disinfected several times throughout the day. Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently with a limit of two students in each bathroom at one time. Windows will be opened periodically to bring in fresh air and water fountains will be disabled to prevent use.
- The cafeteria/auditorium/gymnasium will not be used for eating lunch. Students will be eating lunch in the classroom.
- At this time, we will not be able to offer our school lunch program. Students must bring their own lunch, drinks and water from home.
- We are allowing and encouraging students to wear their gym uniforms on a regular basis until further notice. It is the recommendation not to wear items that cannot be washed daily, like neck ties. The gym uniform will be comfortable and easier to wash and maintain at this time.

The health and safety of our students and staff will be our main priority. Maria Regina School continues to work on ensuring a safe start for our students, staff and families. Each school member has a role to play in ensuring a safe return to the classroom for all. We hope you continue to work with us in ensuring a safe, faith-filled year for your child(ren).

May God continue to bless us all,

Rev. Msgr. Peter Pflomm

Dr. Kathleen Walsh, Ed.D