

Long Beach Catholic Regional School

735 W. Broadway, Long Beach, NY 11561

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Our ongoing goal is to have Long Beach Catholic Regional School reopen safely and for our students to return to the classroom full-time on a daily basis, while protecting the health and well-being of our school community and fostering our strong Catholic values.

In order to develop a safe plan which aligns with the New York State Department of Health, we have been working under the guidance of Perrotta Consulting LLC who has reviewed our specific school plan and has also issued a broader plan which can be found on our school website at lbcrs.org

As of today, our school day will be with in-person instruction unless otherwise advised by the local health department or unless we are unable to have sufficient faculty and staff in person to maintain student safety and instructional integrity.

Collectively, we must all prepare for various scenarios that may arise during the upcoming school year, which are outlined.

Remote Learning for Trimester 1

We are offering remote learning for Trimester 1 if a family makes that decision based on health or personal needs.

Technology will be in place in the classroom to capture the lesson being taught. Students at home will be expected to show up using Google Classroom/Google Meet and in full uniform for the lessons throughout each day. A more specific guideline will be offered depending upon the grade level.

Full Distance Learning

This will be implemented if,

- Nassau County reaches 9% infection rate as per the Governors guidelines.
- Nassau County DOH deems it necessary for our school or those in our area to close because of a local outbreak.
- If the Superintendent of the Diocese of Rockville Centre directs our school or the entire system of schools to close due to elevated health concerns.

If mandated, we will immediately switch over to distance learning utilizing Google Classroom.

Teachers will send home a schedule for each class to follow. *If any parent has any questions regarding how to utilize the platform - Google Classroom – please reach out to your homeroom teacher at the beginning of the school year in order to ensure a smooth transition (if necessary).*

In School - 5 days a week

Arrival and Dismissal protocol

Our school day will begin at 8:05AM with morning announcements and dismissal will begin at 2:30PM.

Arrival

Students may begin to arrive no earlier than 7:40AM and will go directly to their classroom.

All walkers or those students driven by parents will have their temperature taken prior to leaving their cars. Students will be permitted to enter the building at either set of doors on Broadway and walk directly to their classrooms.

If a temperature is above 100 – parent will be asked to drive around the block and return 10 minutes later to have the temperature taken again before being allowed to enter the building.

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Bus drivers will be instructed not to allow the children to leave the bus until the doors are clear for entry along Penn Street. As children come up to either back door, along Penn their temperature will be taken. Bus students – if a temperature is above 100 – the student will go into a supervised designated room on main floor and have their temperature taken again in 10 minutes.

For all children – if the temperature remains at 100 or above, student will either leave with parent in the car or if a student arrives by bus, the parent will be called to bring the student home.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed by grade beginning with upper grades at 2:30PM – *more details outlining specifics will be sent home to families prior to school beginning.*

Nursery and Pre-K

All entry and dismissal will take place through side back door on Penn Street.

Nursery and Pre-K students must have a mask with them at all times, but will not be required to wear mask in the classroom (as per CDC guidelines).

Daily routines

Children will remain with the same classroom throughout each day. All teachers and teachers of Special subjects will travel to the classrooms.

Time will be provided in-between classes to ensure movement breaks.

All teachers will wear face guards when teaching and will add masks if they are less than 6 feet from the children.

Teachers will be taking students outside to teach lessons as weather permits.

ALL students must have a mask and if one is forgotten – the school will provide one to him/her.

Lunch/Recess

Students will eat in the classroom and a very modified lunch program will begin in October. Being that many students have food allergies, **an individual class may require a completely peanut/tree nut FREE classroom.**

All students must bring a water bottle to school that can be refilled using our refilling stations.

Recess for each grade will come at different times throughout the day to provide ample spacing in the school yards. Masks are not necessary outside as long as the children maintain social distancing (as per CDC guidelines).

Angel Playground

Early childhood classes will be permitted to use the playground.

Children will wash hands before and after usage and playground will be limited to one class at a time.

Uniforms

Summer uniforms will be worn as usual and gym uniforms will be worn on gym days.

Winter uniforms – no ties will be required.

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Health/Safety

- Our hallways will be marked for social distancing.
- Stairways are designated specifically for direction.
- Cleaning company and our school custodian will receive training from Perrotta Consulting regarding proper disinfection of the school building.
- Hand sanitizers will be located outside of each bathroom and in each classroom for use.
- Children will frequently be reminded about how to properly use hand sanitizer and proper hand washing techniques, but we ask parents to be practicing this with them at home as well.
- Bathrooms will be disinfected throughout the day.
- An additional bathroom has been installed in our Early Childhood wing for usage by our Nursery and Pre-K students only.
- Guidelines of bathroom usage for all students in Grades K-8 will be discussed during our first days of school.

School Events

All Field trips are cancelled until further notice.

All assemblies will take place virtually.

Back to School Nights will take place virtually.

Isolation Room

Located on main floor directly opposite Finance Office.

Room will have three polycarbonate dividers to create 4 separate areas for children to sit and await pick-up from their parents.

Room will be decontaminated after each use.

District will provide someone in addition to our Nurse to supervise this space.

Classrooms

All classrooms have been set up to ensure that social distancing is in place for each child. Polycarbonate dividers will be placed in some spaces for an added protection. Classroom assignments and locations are still in the process of being worked out, but those details will be sent home prior to school reopening.

Gym/Music/Art/Computer

Gym classes will be conducted outside as weather permits. Indoor gym will take place with children spread apart following social distancing. Activities will be based upon individual physical activity instead of team games.

Initially, Art class will be provided virtually to all students.

Music will alternate locations based on topics. Usage of the Gym for added space or the church will be options to provide students an opportunity to sing.

Computer class will also be staggered between Computer lab and in class instruction based on availability of computer lab, class size and ability to social distance.

Liturgy

School masses will be offered on a weekly basis alternating grades in Church.

Church may be used for Music class with social distancing and when available.

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Mental Health

We have a commitment to the social emotional wellbeing for all the children and will implement weekly Mental Health check-in with teachers.

- Ms. Priestley and Mrs. Gizelle Conroy(district) will set up schedules to speak with the classes.
- Teachers will use a variety of programs such as Mind-Yeti to provide mental breaks throughout the day.

ATHLETICS and After School Activities/Programs

At this time, no interscholastic sports are permitted within New York State. LBCRS along with the leagues we work with will update its policies and procedures once interscholastic sports are permitted. Clubs may be offered – virtually.

After Care will be offered and plans are in place to ensure that the space used is disinfected first and temperatures of the children and staff will be retaken prior to entering the room.

Visitors

Visitors will not be permitted in school unless by appointment and then they must follow proper screening procedures.

Parents who come to the school building to pick up a student will be screened and asked to remain in the Main lobby by the Nurses office.

If a child is picked up early for an appointment, please do not bring them back to school until the next day unless instructed otherwise by a doctor.

Elevator usage

Occupancy on elevators is limited to no more than two people per elevator while wearing a mask.

Guidelines/Screening and testing as per CDC

Stay home if you feel sick. LBCRS will have mandatory health screenings, including temperature checks, of students, faculty, staff and visitors to identify any individuals who may have COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. Temperature checks will be taken at entranceways before each individual is permitted beyond designated entry points of the building.

LBCRS will not keep a record of specific student, faculty, staff, contractor or visitor health data. For example, the specific temperature data of an individual will not be maintained. However, we will maintain records indicating that individuals were screened and the result of such screening (cleared/not cleared).

Screening for all students, faculty and staff must be completed weekly using a Google based questionnaire that determines whether the individual has:

- knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0 degrees F, in the past 14 days;
- has traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

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An individual who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms must be immediately isolated and sent home with instructions to contact a health care provider for assessment and testing.

- Students who are being sent home because of a positive screen (for example, the onset of symptoms) must be immediately separated from other students and LBCRS must notify the DOH if an individual tests positive for COVID-19.
- While the guidelines state 14 days, LBCRS will work with DOH and Perrotta Consulting to determine when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms, can return to the in-person learning environment.
- To the extent contact tracing is necessary, LBCRS will work with the Nassau County Department of Health and all other appropriate agencies as necessary to trace all individuals who have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Please know that we are committed to reopening up our school to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff and faculty. We will likely have to adjust these plans as guidelines are altered but we are confident that we can do so with the guidance of Perrotta Consulting, CDC and our Diocesan office. Our opening days schedule will be sent out shortly once we have completed our schedules.

God bless and stay safe...