



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools Office Official Statement

Please note that the Return to School plans promulgated prior to the 2020-2021 academic year in response to the pandemic have ended, and schools will return to their regular campus activities for this coming academic year. As such, face masks will be optional for students, faculty, and staff at all diocesan schools and school events for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Additionally, we do not anticipate offering the choice of virtual instruction for the 2021-2022 academic year. We are confident that the needs of our students are best met on-campus, in-person, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back this fall.

We will continue to implement enhanced cleaning measures as these have proven to be best practice for the overall health of our school communities. The Catholic Schools Office will continue to consider the guidance of local public health authorities in responding to those schools reporting positive cases or possible exposure to COVID-19.

The CDC currently recommends maintaining 3 feet social distancing, and schools will adhere to this protocol where possible. We will also encourage students and staff members to continue practicing frequent hand washing, sanitizing and appropriate cough etiquette throughout the school day. Schools will be instructed to leave water fountains turned off but may permit the use of water bottle refilling stations as needed.

If it becomes necessary during the school year to institute more stringent health and safety protocols, then we will communicate any changes in protocols or policies accordingly. We thank you for your support, and we look forward to a safe and successful school year.

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