

## Sacred Hearts School COVID Plan August 2021

### I. Goals of Returning to School

- **Safety:** Student and staff safety is essential. All plans will reflect guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Dane County Health Department, Department of Public Instruction (DPI).
- **Instruction:** Plan currently reflects an in-person learning environment for all Pr3,4K-8 students.
- **Flexibility:** Plans will allow for a fluid response keeping in mind staff, students, and parents' capacity as well as resources and available space.
- **Social and emotional wellbeing:** Emphasis is being placed on planning and caring for the social-emotional and mental health needs of students and staff.

### Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Daily and weekly cleaning protocols for all spaces.
- Professional cleaning company each evening that will clean the entire school building (M-F).
- Touchpoint, classroom, and restroom cleaning throughout the day.
- Hygiene and hand washing policies in place and taught to staff and students.
- Shared objects, toys, and equipment regularly disinfected .
- Additional staff during lunch hours to disinfect tables between students.

### General Health Protocols:

- **Face Masks (see below):** Everyone 4 and older must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in the school building and school buses or when physical distancing is not possible.
- We ask that parents closely monitor the health of their children. If children exhibit any symptoms of being sick, please keep them home.
- Students who become ill and/or have a fever of 100 or greater at school, will be isolated from others and will be sent home.
- Enhanced cleaning and handwashing protocols for staff and students.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, is being tested, or has an exposure, please communicate this information to the school office at 608-837-8508 or contact Mrs. Frederick at [kim.frederick@shjms.org](mailto:kim.frederick@shjms.org). Further guidance will be given at that time.
- Students being tested, must stay home until tests results are received. If a student or parent is being tested, other children in the home must stay home as well awaiting results.
- Parents will be notified if there is a positive case in their room/school.
- Students within 3-6 feet of each other in a K-12 classroom setting are not considered to be close contacts **if** both students were wearing well-fitting masks and other prevention strategies were in place (such as physical

distancing and increased ventilation)-therefore, quarantine or exclusion from school is not warranted.

- Full updated health policies will be communicated and updated as needed and will reflect the latest guidance and recommendations.

### **Food Related Guidelines:**

- No chewing gum allowed.
- **Birthday Treats:** all classroom treats must be prepackaged from the store. Please only send one type of treat (not multiple things). All students with food related allergies should plan to provide a few treats to have in the classroom. Examples of treats could include: packages of pretzels/chips, fruit snacks, popsicles/ice cream.
- **Water bottles** are permitted and encouraged. They may fill the bottles at the water bottle filling stations in school, but may not use the fountains. Please send a clean (and preferable prefilled) labeled water bottle each day.

### **Mask Requirements:**

***Starting August 23<sup>rd</sup>, all staff, students (4K-8) and visitors regardless of vaccination status will wear masks inside the school buildings. Pre3 students: Masks are optional/parent decision.***

**Masks defined:** *a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. A face covering must be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head and must fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face. Cloth face coverings must be made with two or more layers of breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source). **A face covering does not include bandanas, single layer neck gaiters, face shields, goggles, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose, or masks with slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.***

### **Reminders:**

- Mask are to be worn in the building
- Masks are not required outside.
- All mask should have students name written on it in sharpie
- Please send students with multiple masks so they can change them during the day if needed.
- A clean mask is brought to school each day to be worn
- Masks must be worn over nose and mouth. Please assess the fit and adjust accordingly!

