

# HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many of you are wondering how things will look for school in the fall. We are too far away to make some decisions, others are tentatively in place, others are under consideration. I can share with you the following. As the climate continues to change so will we to ensure the continued safety of everyone here.

## **Holy Spirit Catholic School will be opening for in-person instruction as scheduled in the fall.**

Things that are tentatively set.

- We are forming a “reopening task force” made up of teachers/staff and parents to discuss reopening procedures and protocols to do our best to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- We purchased a disinfecting sprayer machine that we will use daily.
- We purchased no touch hand towel devices for the bathrooms.
- Foot travel will be limited in the school from outsiders. Deliveries will be left in the main office area.
- Face masks for each student and staff member. This decision will be made in August based off recommendations from local health officials, but there is a possibility that everyone or certain people may need to wear a mask while in the school building.
- Temperature checks will be in place for everyone entering the building.
- Individualized supplies/equipment specific to each student. This includes items used in art, music, and physical education.
- Families will be required to notify the school if a family member has come down with the virus.
- Students/staff who exhibit a cough, fever, runny nose, etc. will need to stay home and contact their physician.
- Individual water bottles, no common drinking fountains.
- Much more outdoor instruction as weather permits.

Things under consideration.

- Elementary art and vocal music instruction to be in academic classroom. Teachers move, students stay in classroom.
- Clear privacy shields for student desks, allowing for facemasks to be removed.
- Staggered starts each day allowing for temperature checks. Ex. 1 group of students come at 7:40, another at 7:50, another at 8:00.
- Adjusted lunch/recess times in smaller groups.
- Lunch in classrooms
- No touch mechanisms on toilets and sinks.
- Backpacks kept by student desk.

Things that are undecided as more information is needed.

- What busing will look like.
- What lunch will look like.
- What school masses will look like: virtual/in person.

There is no proven model, we need to make decisions based on known information at the national, state, and local levels. Please be patient while this is being evaluated daily. I will be in contact with families in early to mid-August with updates. The teachers and staff are looking forward to see all our students again in the fall!

God bless,

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