

ST. JOSEPH PREP

Please know that all of the listed instructions are those that will be in place once our school opens for classes in September. The guidelines and instructions follow the mandates of all government agencies. We will continue to monitor and update these as is necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON CLASSES

- All PREP catechists and staff will be health-screened before each class. Per the guidelines from the Department of Health, a health questionnaire is required to be completed one time, unless there is a change in health as well as temperatures taken and recorded. All screening information is kept confidential.
- Students will be screened at the door of the gym as well as temperatures taken and recorded. ***Parents must stay with their child until this has been completed.***

As of July 20, 2020, the CDC states that COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list may not include all possible symptoms. Any updates to this list by the CDC can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

If it is determined that a student or staff has any symptoms that relate to COVID-19 then the following will occur:

1. Students and staff with symptoms related to COVID-19 will be safely and respectfully isolated from others.
2. Students and staff should remain in isolation with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult.
3. Symptoms will be continuously monitored.
4. Current State of New Jersey Communicable Disease Service guidelines for illness reporting must be followed. Guidelines can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/health/>
5. We will immediately notify local health offices, staff, and families of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MUST BE PROVIDED TO BE READMITTED INTO PREP CLASSES.

INSTRUCTIONS IF IN-PERSON CLASSES ARE DISCONTINUED

If it is mandated that in-person classes be discontinued, then students are expected to continue follow the Lesson Plan that was given at the beginning of the PREP year.

Zoom calls will replace scheduled in-person classes. Zoom call information will be sent out prior to the date of the class.

Class material will be available on the PREP website at www.stjosephprep.net/religious-education on the appropriate grade's page.

SOCIAL DISTANCE

Social distancing is an effective way to prevent potential infection. All catechists, aides, students, and parents should practice staying approximately 6 feet away from others and eliminating contact with others.

- In classroom students will be seated at least 6 feet apart. Social distancing guidance will support a 3-foot radius around each student desk (from the center), resulting in

a 6' total distance between any two students. Catechists will consider the flow of student traffic around the room.

- Additional modifications may be needed at times. These include using physical barriers between desks and turning desks to face the same direction (rather than facing each other) or having students sit on only one side of the table, spaced apart.
- Markings for physical distance will be instituted.
- When weather allows, windows may be opened to allow for greater air circulation or classes may be held outside.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

In order to minimize exposure to COVID-19:

Masks: Students and employees must wear face coverings. Please let me know if doing so would inhibit the student's health. Enforcing the use of face coverings may be impractical for some young children or individuals with disabilities.

Gloves: Touching your face with contaminated hands, whether gloved or not, poses a significant risk of infection. Wearing gloves does not diminish the need to wash your hands. Students will be reminded to wash their hands properly as it is the number-one defense against any virus. Additionally, the proper removal of gloves reduces the risk of being exposed to contamination.

Please note that social distancing will still be practiced even with the use of gloves and masks.

In addition to using PPE, students and staff will be reminded to:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or use the inside of elbow.

Please Note:

All Items in this plan are subject to change as directed by the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), the State of New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) *The Road Back and the Metuchen Diocese*. Regular updates will be

made to this plan based on information provided by the CDC, WHO, and applicable federal, state, and local agencies.