



St. Anthony's Religious Education Health & Safety Plan 2020-21

The K-12 Smart Restart plan requires that every school develop a health and safety plan for all students and teachers for the 2020–2021 school year. The North Dakota Department of Health designated one of five colors for the state. Additionally, a county could receive a different designated color. These color-designations signal what restrictions schools, businesses, etc., must follow.

- Blue: The new normal. Most normal activities resume with standard precautions.
- Green: Low risk. Some physical distancing measures; limitations on gatherings.
- Yellow: Moderate risk. Moderate social distancing; increased sanitation.
- Orange: High risk. Schools closed for in-person instruction. Only essential work.
- Red: Critical. Stay at home.
- Therefore, if schools close because the color code has changed to orange or red, parishes are to cease in-person Religious Education and immediately switch to the K-8 th grade to Alive in Christ Faith at Home.

St. Anthony's:

- *Extra sanitation procedures will be used: Wiping down surfaces in classrooms prior to class starting. Hand sanitizer in each classroom.
- *Student distancing: Spacing desks/chairs/seating 6 feet apart in classrooms when possible. If distancing of 6 feet is not possible, masks will be required.
- *Masks: We will be using masks when coming in and out of the building, in transitions from the church to the classrooms, and when dismissing classes. Masks can be taken off when students are in the church while praying(distanced), and when at their seats in the classroom.
- *Student and parent congregating: Classes will have staggered dismissal as not to overcrowd the gathering place during pick up. Younger students will be let out first, moving up to the older grades.
- *Attendance will be monitored, including the catechist to ensure proper documentation of who was in attendance in the event that contact tracing needs to be administered.
- *Supplies: Each student will have their own supplies. Pencils, pens, crayons, etc. will not be shared.
- *Books: Each student has their own book and it will be sent home each week. In the event that students need to stay home the following week or weeks, they will already have their book at home.
- *Response to a positive test for COVID: Classes may need to be cancelled for a particular grade or multiple grade for two weeks and switch to home instruction. All positive cases and close contact tracing are handled through local public health agencies.

A parent meeting will be held at the beginning of the year to go over the health and safety plan for the year. Parents will be asked to self-report students or catechists who test positive so the parish can respond appropriately. OSV Faith at Home web site will be utilized if at home instruction is needed. Parents can opt out of in-person instruction for the year. Parents can then use the Faith at Home Catechesis.

Sacramental Preparation:

- *Parent meetings with distancing will proceed unless Cass County is in the orange or red stage.
- *Encounter books will be sent home as usual.
- *Retreats should be conducted with distancing guidelines if possible.
- *Interviews will be done with distancing guidelines.