

St. Margaret of Scotland
PREP Handbook Addendum

Covid Protocols

2021—2022



How Covid Protocols are instituted at the parish level:

Taking into account CDC recommendations, decisions regarding safety protocols are made and announced at the state level.

Because our diocese encompasses not only the state of Delaware, but also the Eastern Shore of Maryland, information is gathered from both state sources. With that information, discussions are had and decisions are made at the diocesan level. These discussions take into account various parish & parish school activities, including Mass, religious education, and any parish organization meetings, sports., etc. Those protocols and mandates are then passed on from the Chancery and encompass the Diocesan Schools Office, Office of Religious Education, Catholic Youth and Young Adult Office, as well as many other offices that fall under diocesan jurisdiction.

Therefore, at St. Margaret of Scotland, we follow the mandates as they are handed to us from our diocese.

During the course of this pandemic, we here at St. Margaret of Scotland parish have taken on the philosophy that we are making an effort to be respectful and sensitive to the wide range of sensitivities with regard to our parishioners' health. We do our best to follow what we are asked to do. We do our best to practice what is right and what is reasonable. As a parish staff we will not engage in conversation where personal feelings are expressed. The same goes for our PREP faculty and staff. We respectfully request that those courtesies are returned.

If a student gets sick in class, privacy will be maintained, but the parents of that class will be informed. If someone came to class or got sick in class and tests positive, privacy will be maintained. The class, as well as all PREP families of that class day (Sunday or Tuesday) will be informed. I will inform the CTT school nurse, who will follow reporting protocols as they have been mandated.

What we are doing to keep everyone as safe as possible:

Because we are lucky enough to be able to use the school classrooms for class, we are required to follow the protocols that the principal has in place. It's our responsibility to keep school students safe, just as we try for the PREP students. Therefore, we are required to request the following of our families:

- * All must be properly masked while in the building. At dismissal, masks should be worn until clearing the crowded patio in front of school. Hand sanitizer should be used upon entering the building.
- Unless expected, parents should not enter the building. Please go straight to the cafeteria for any issues, and then straight back out of the building.
- Please review Covid questionnaire with your student before reporting for class. Any concerns or worries, please stay home.
- Do not bring extra things into the building, including food or drink. Each student will have their supplies separately bagged and labeled in their PREP classroom file cabinet drawer.

All PREP Faculty & Staff will do the following:

- Complete & turn in Covid questionnaire before reporting for class.
- Mask & hand sanitizer before entering the building.
- Space students as reasonably as possible in the classroom.
- Move throughout the building quickly and efficiently.
- Desks will be wiped by school before we arrive; we wipe down before we leave. School is thoroughly cleaned after we are gone.
- Remind the children to follow protocols as needed.
- Avoid engaging in any conversation regarding the pandemic as it applies to opinions, speculation, etc. Modeling Christian Values is important.

