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Clarksville, IN

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY

RE-ENTRY PLAN

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Mission Statement

St. Anthony School, an educational ministry of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, exists to provide all students from preschool through eighth grade an exceptional education in a supportive atmosphere based upon Catholic values and tradition. St. Anthony School carries out the broader mission of the Parish to provide religious education, which will afford students the opportunity to learn and develop as individuals in the community, creating a living example of God's love. For over one hundred years, St. Anthony School, located in Clarksville, Indiana, has served the Southern Indiana and Greater Louisville area as a regional school. Our school nurtures the unique talents and abilities of our students, preparing them for high school and beyond. St. Anthony School serves families of all faiths and backgrounds while providing its students with Catholic values, which stress responsible, social, intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual growth.

“Everything has suddenly changed. What we previously took for granted seems to be uncertain: the way we relate with others at work, how we manage our emotions, study, recreation, prayer, even the possibility of attending Mass.....”

-Pope Francis

*Strong in the Face of Tribulations:
A Sure Support in Time of Trial*



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis believe:

- in fostering positive relationships that exemplify the love of God;
- that Catholic school communities are enriched by the unique image and likeness of God that is present in each individual;
- that formation best occurs within faith-filled cultures of learning that are inclusive;
- that parents are the primary educators of each young person and that it is the responsibility of Catholic schools to support the domestic church;
- that Catholic schools are part of the evangelizing mission of the Church, forming disciples through the intentional integration of faith, culture, and life; and
- that “excellence” is defined by and achieved through the growth and holistic development – spiritual, intellectual/academic, social, emotional, and physical – of the individual within the context of community.

St. Anthony School will take every precaution possible to protect students and adults. Heightened protocols related to cleaning and sanitization are in place. Expectations of proper handwashing, physical distancing to the extent possible, and minimal sharing of resources to the extent possible will be enforced. Guidance from IDOE, CDC, and local authorities will be employed as best fits our Catholic school community as determined by administration. A more comprehensive plan follows.

2020-2021 ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN (7/24/2020)

Implementation of this Catholic School Re-Entry Plan is subject to change at the direction of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Health. It is based on the best available information and conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of publication. This plan will evolve and be adjusted when information becomes available as the status of the COVID-19 pandemic changes. St. Anthony School will continue to engage with the Office of Catholic Schools and other education partners as part of this important process.

This plan is founded with the safety of students, teachers, and staff as priority. A committee of educators, commission members, parents, medical personnel, etc. was formed to address and create protocols for the return of students in the fall. Guidance from the Office of Catholic Schools, the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana State Health Department, and Center for Disease Control was used to create a plan that speaks to the local subsidiarity of St. Anthony School. At all times St. Anthony School leadership will make decisions based on the safety of all while continuing to ensure student learning is taking place. The school leadership, while in consultation with the Office of Catholic Schools, has the flexibility to do what is best for the St. Anthony School community.

DOMAIN: LOGISTICS AND PLANNING

School Entrance Protocol

Faculty and Staff

- Upon entering the school building, faculty and staff will report to the front office for a temperature check.
- Faculty and staff will also complete a health check questionnaire daily. This will be submitted via a Google Form.

Students

- When students arrive in the car line, temperature checks will be conducted by a staff member.
- If a student is a walker, then the student will enter through the front door and the office staff will check the temperature.
- Students who arrive late will enter through the front door and the office staff will check the temperature

Visitors

- The school will minimize or eliminate the need for people to be in the building other than necessary employees or students.
- All visitors must enter through the front entrance, must wear a mask, will have a temperature check and will fill out a health check questionnaire.

Before Care

- Before care will only be provided for grades K-8.
- Families are asked to only send students to Before Care when it is necessary and essential.
- Students will sign into Before Care.
- Students will be required to wear a mask in Before Care.
- Students will have assigned seats and families will sit together.

School Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed by grade level to exit the building.
- During dismissal, students will be required to wear a face covering.
- While waiting for their ride, students will stand alongside the breezeway building in order to social distance.

After School Care

- After School Care will be provided for students in grades K-8.
- Families are asked to only send students to After Care when it is necessary and essential.
- Students will sign in and will have temperature checked.
- Students will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.
- Students will have assigned seats and families will sit together.

PPE Protocol

- All faculty and staff will be required to wear a face covering in common areas and when social distancing is not feasible.
- Students will be required to wear a face covering in common areas and when social distancing is not feasible.
- All visitors will be required to wear a face covering.

Daily Procedures to Maintain Health and Safety in School Environment.

- Students will be required to wear a face covering when social distancing is not feasible.
- Student desk will be spaced apart for social distancing and will face the same direction.
- Students may be provided with desk shields as a barrier for added protection.
- Students will have assigned seats throughout the school day.
- Student supplies will not be shared.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be in every classroom and will be utilized regularly throughout the day, especially after coughing, sneezing or entering/leaving the classroom.
- Hand washing will be scheduled regularly throughout the day.
- Students will have minimal movement within the building throughout the day.
- When moving throughout the building, students will be required to wear a face covering and will move in a single file line.
- Upper grade levels will switch classes, but will do so in an organized manner to maintain social distancing.
- Special Area teachers will go to the classroom for special area class.
- Weather permitting, teachers may take students outdoors for class.
- COVID-19 training will be provided to faculty, staff, parents and students

Curriculum and Instruction

- The goal is to provide in person instruction to all students.
- In the case of a closure, eLearning will be implemented and Google Classroom will be the platform that is used for grades K-8.
- If a family is uncomfortable sending students to school, the school will work with this family on an individual basis to see if accommodations can be made.

Water Fountains

- Water fountains will not be allowed for student use.
- Students will be allowed to bring a water bottle.
- Water bottle refillable stations will be provided.

Lunch

- Lunch schedules will be staggered to help with social distancing.
- Students will eat in the cafeteria or the library.
- Students will have assigned seats and will be spaced apart in order to maintain social distancing.
- Self-serve food items will be eliminated.
- Food sharing will be prohibited.
- PPE will be worn by all food service staff.

Recess

- Weather permitting, students will go to recess each day.
- Recess times will be staggered to limit the number of students outside.
- Playground Equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Teachers will teach students the importance of social distancing during recess.

Church

- Students will attend Mass once a week.
- Students will be required to wear a face covering for Mass.
- The school will separate grade levels to attend Mass on two different days of the week, Wednesday and Thursday.

Field Trips

- Fields trips are cancelled until further notice

Large Assemblies and Gatherings

- Assemblies and large gatherings will not take place until further notice.
- Virtual options will be provided for Back to School Bash and K-8 Parent Orientation.

Disinfecting and Cleaning of the School

- School will be cleaned nightly.
- Sanitizing scheduled throughout the day for all high touch areas such as handrails, doorknobs and restrooms.
- Teachers will utilize sanitizing wipes regularly throughout the day.

Health Protocol

It is essential for our school community to work together to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment and in the community while still providing a quality education program.

Symptoms for Covid-19

- A fever of 100° or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Protocol to return to school after illness

Students and employees should be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance that is not otherwise explained. Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently those guidelines are:

Untested

Untested Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following four conditions are met:

- They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
- The state website has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location, and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.

Tested Positive- Symptomatic Persons

Tested Positive- Symptomatic Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- Symptom-based strategy
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; and
 - At least 72 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication; and
 - Other symptoms have improved

- **Test-based strategy**
 - **At least 72 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication; and**
 - **Other symptoms have improved; and**
 - **Two negative tests collected more than 24 hours apart**

Tested Positive- Asymptomatic Persons

Tested Positive- Asymptomatic Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19

- **Students may return when they have gone 10 calendar days past their test without symptoms and have been preferably released by a healthcare provider.**
- **Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student’s health care provider.**

Protocol for Close Contact

Even without symptoms, if a student or employee has recently had contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, has someone in their home being tested for COVID-19, or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, the school may exclude the student or employee from the school building and recommend that they self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.

Confirmed COVID-19 Case

- **The school will immediately contact the Clark County Health Department, The Archdiocese of Indianapolis and The Indiana Department of Education.**
- **The school will work with the Clark County Health Department to assess factors such as the likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building, the number of cases in the community, and other factors that will determine building closure.**
- **The Clark County Health Department will contact the person confirmed with COVID-19, inform direct contacts of their possible exposure, and give instructions to those involved with the confirmed case, including siblings and other household members regarding self-quarantine and exclusions.**
- **The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the Clark County Health Department.**
- **The custodial staff will be informed immediately, so that impacted areas, furnishings, and equipment are thoroughly disinfected.**