



## St. Hubert Catholic School

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### St. Hubert School's Reopening Plan 2.0 for 2021-2022 School Year FAQs

**The Archdiocese of Chicago and St. Hubert School will re-evaluate the reopening protocols every 2 weeks and will make any adjustments necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy.**

#### HEALTH

**Q: Does my child need to wear a mask?**

**A: YES.** Gov. Pritzker made the announcement on August 4th that supports in-person learning and requires that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. It is the simplest and most effective way to keep students safely in school, where they can learn and grow to their fullest potential.

**Please note the following guidance on masking requirements for schools:**

- Students and staff who are masked and three feet from a confirmed case indoors are not considered close contacts in the new CDC guidance. Therefore, consistent and correct mask use will drastically reduce the number of students and staff needing to quarantine. Under these new guidelines, only the positive case should need to quarantine.
- No masks are required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.

**Q: Does the reopening plan with the adjustments for this current year adhere to the CDC guidelines?**

**A:** Yes, the Archdiocese COVID response team works with the IDPH, CDPH, and ISBE following guidelines for a safe return to school.

**Q: What precautions are being taken to keep the faculty and staff safe?**

**A:** Faculty will be provided with masks and cleaning supplies as well as training in order to maintain safety in the classroom for them and for their students.

**Q: Will temperature checks be required for students, teachers, staff entering the building?**

**A:** No. This is a change from last year. There will not be temperature checks when entering the school building. Each classroom teacher will have a contactless thermometer for a temperature check if needed. Any students who are not feeling well, have a cold, bad allergies, stomach bug, are asked to remain home when they are sick. Teachers will provide work for them and flexibility will be applied in making up work and assignments.



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**Q: What is the protocol if a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19? What if a family member of someone in the class (cohort) tests positive? Will families of the class be notified?**

A: Current guidelines from the Archdiocesan plan are that if a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19 they should notify the school immediately and remain home for at least 10 days from the positive test. Once their symptoms have subsided and they have been fever free for 3 days, after the 10 days they may return. Parents in the cohort will be notified and the cohort will remain monitored for additional cases. Unless additional cases in the same cohort have tested positive, there will be no need to quarantine the entire class. If a student is not vaccinated and is in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid they should remain home and be monitored during a 14 day quarantine period.

**Q: How will you manage substitutes when a teacher is absent?**

A: We have internal subs that work in the building when needed and they will continue to be assigned to fill in when needed.

**Q: If a student becomes ill or needs to leave for any reason during the day, where will parents pick them up?**

A: If a student becomes ill with at least one COVID symptom, parents or guardians will be asked to come and get them and their siblings from school. We ask that students leaving during the day with Covid symptoms be picked up at the health room door up the hill by the fire station. (formally the yellow room.)

**Q: If a student tests positive for COVID would they be enrolled in a remote learning option?**

A: No. The Chicago Archdiocese made a commitment to our teachers that synchronous teaching would not be an option this year. Instead, any student who is out sick, COVID or otherwise, will have access to our classwork section on our website (formally our e-learning page and can keep up with the work throughout their time away.

### ACADEMICS AND SCHEDULES

**Q: What will transitions look like? Will students be seated at their desks all day?**

A: Students will be able to transition to specials classrooms and to the lunchroom. Grade 4-8 students will move to classrooms for different subjects. We will maintain distancing when walking in lines in the hallways and classes will walk on opposite sides of the hallway to minimize contact. Our wide hallway space will be helpful in maintaining social distancing.

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**Q: What will recess and lunch look like?**

A: Students in grades K-8 will use the lunch room space this year. We will have 4 20 minute lunch periods and 20 minute recess periods staggered to allow for even more space and social distancing in the lunchroom and on the playground. Student movement in the lunch room will be kept at a minimum. Students will be able to remove masks while eating and will put them back on when finished. Students do not have to wear masks outside at recess.

**Q: What will PE look like if students are required to wear masks?**

A: PE will be outside as much as possible so that students can remove their masks while maintaining a safe distance. During indoor PE classes, students will be required to wear masks just like last year.

**Q: Will the daily and weekly schedule remain the same?**

A: We will return to the regular arrival and dismissal schedules. Students should arrive at school no later than 7:30 and dismissal will take place at 2:05 for all students. Wednesdays will still be a 1:30 dismissal for all to accommodate faculty meetings.

**Q: How will you keep the students at least 3 feet apart as recommended by the CDC?**

A: Teachers and aides will do their best to help students to understand safe distance. Classrooms will be organized to allow for 3 foot space at desks and during any group work that may occur. All classrooms will maintain an accurate seating chart so that we are able to keep track of students and where they are in each classroom and in the lunchroom throughout the day. Floor space will be marked as well as outdoor spaces to remind them to stay apart. We know that our littlest students may not always be three feet apart and, as long as they are wearing their masks, that is OK. Our teachers and aides will help to ensure that they are maintaining a safe distance from other students and teachers.

**Q: What will PreK look like for students in various programs, full day vs. ½ day etc?**

A: PreK will look the same. Teachers and aides will work to help the students adjust to the new environment. They will have regular lessons, outdoor play, and rest period for those who are full day students.



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**Q: How will ventilation be addressed in the classrooms during the warm temperature days?**

A: We are fortunate to have large window spaces and windows that are easy to open. Opening windows along with the air conditioning in each classroom will allow for good air ventilation in all of our classrooms. We also have air purifiers in each of our classrooms for added ventilation.

### FACILITIES

**Q: What will drop off/pick up look like?**

A: We will return to the drop off and pick up directives that were in place prior to COVID. Please see the parent/student handbook for more information.

**Q: What protocols have been put in place to ensure proper cleaning and sanitation?**

A: Our cleaning service has been working with our health/safety protocols all summer and have completed a deep cleaning of all areas. High traffic areas (doorknobs, light switches, restrooms) will be sanitized throughout the day and at the end of the day when all students, faculty and staff leave the building. Specific cleaning supplies have been provided by the Archdiocese to ensure that we are maintaining a safe environment. We have purchased a disinfectant sprayer that will be used for extra sanitization in areas such as restrooms when needed. Teachers and students will clean desk tops in between students and will use hand sanitizer often throughout the day.

**Q: Will outdoor spaces be utilized for classes?**

A: We intend to use our wonderful and extensive outdoor space as much as possible.

### EXTRAS

**Q: How will athletics work? Will sports be cancelled?**

A: Sports are back with safety protocols firmly in place.

**Q: What is the plan for weekly and all-school masses?**

A: Fr. Mike is excited to welcome the children back to all school masses. We hope to have school masses on Tuesday mornings. All grades K-8 will attend mass and maintain a 3 foot distance while in church.



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**Q: Will there be extended care and how will that work?**

**A:** There will be extended care following the same safety protocols as during school hours. Extended care will be held in the cafeteria as it was last year.

**Q: What if my child is already vaccinated, do I need to provide proof to the school?**

**A:** We do ask that parents of vaccinated students bring their vaccination card to the school office to be copied. This will be extremely helpful when mitigations start to relax and masks are no longer needed for vaccinated students.