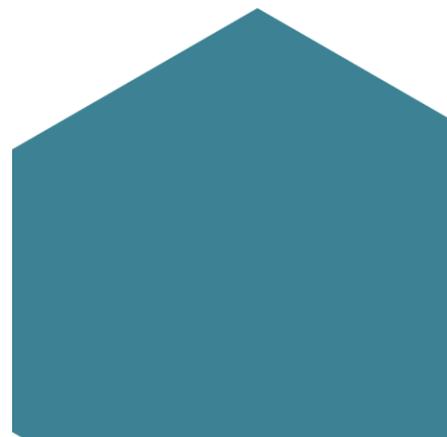
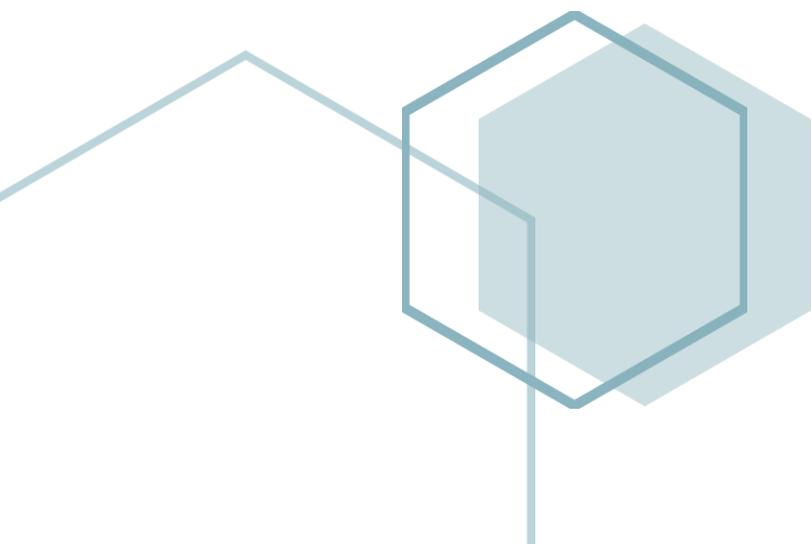


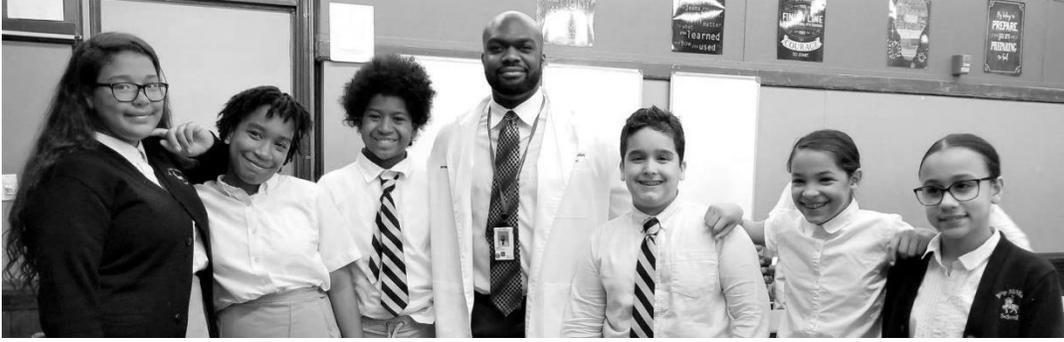


BISHOP MCVINNEY SCHOOL

FALL 2020

Reopening Guidance for Families





A MESSAGE TO OUR FAMILIES

Bishop McVinney School is actively focused on planning for a return to in-person learning in September 2020. Our highest priority in doing so is the safety of our students and faculty.

Following guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the Rhode Island Governor's Office, and our Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the Bishop McVinney School Reopening Committee meets regularly. We address areas of concern for both our families and staff members, and we're working hard to understand, implement, and safely enforce the policies and procedures necessary for our school to have a successful return to in-classroom learning in the fall.

As COVID-19 related information continues to evolve, we pledge to respond to the most relevant data and to share our ongoing safety strategies with our school community, always focused on the wellbeing of our students and faculty members as our absolute priority.

NEW CHALLENGES



BMV is preparing for a new school year and new challenges, with adjustments that call for increased partnership with our families. Our staff is implementing simple hygiene protocols in the classrooms, and at-home reinforcement will be crucial for our students.





HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

With a focus on the needs of our families and students, here's what our teachers and staff members are currently working on for a safe return in September:

- ❖ Creating in-house school schedules that allow for consistent, stable groupings
- ❖ Limiting classroom sizes and restructuring spaces to adapt to social distancing where possible
- ❖ Enhancing remote learning tools for ease of transition
- ❖ Installing touch-free hand sanitizing stations in each classroom and throughout all common areas of the school
- ❖ Heavily re-stocking CDC compliant disinfectant, cleaning supplies, and school health supplies
- ❖ Expanding school cleaning services for targeted regular cleaning as recommended by the CDC
- ❖ Revising and updating student and faculty health policies to reflect current guidelines
- ❖ Expanding school nursing services and nurses' station equipment
- ❖ Creating strategies to reduce movement throughout the building by:
 - Limiting and monitoring access to common spaces
 - Designating specific entry and exit points for particular groups
 - Limiting visitor entry into the school

Here's how you can help prepare your child for a safe return to their classroom and their friends in the fall:

- ✓ *Encourage and teach your children to cough into their elbows, not into their hands. This helps minimize the spread of germs from hands onto surfaces.*
- ✓ *Continue to practice hand washing with soap for at least 20 seconds. They can sing their ABC's or the Happy Birthday song while they scrub their hands.*
- ✓ *Remind your child not to touch his/her face or put their hands in their eyes, nose, or mouth.*





WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING?

While assessing the needs of our families through our online survey, policies and procedures are also being examined for:

- ❖ Offering Before and After School Care and Extended Day Programs
- ❖ Providing guidance on use of cloth face masks when necessary
- ❖ Developing health screening protocols
- ❖ Revisiting remote learning and attendance policies
- ❖ Assessing the safety and practicality of extracurricular activities
- ❖ Addressing technology needs per age group
- ❖ Enhancing mental wellness and resource programs for our students

Remote learning tools are currently being assessed to allow for a more seamless transition from classroom to distance learning in the event of illness or mandated quarantine. The isolation period as recommended by the CDC could range from a few days to a few weeks at a time, and all parents and families should have a plan in place for their household if their children are unable to return to school per recommended safety guidelines.

In the meantime, please be sure to adhere to state mandated safety measures including practicing social distancing, limiting gathering and travel, and wearing a mask in public settings.

CONTACT US



We will continue to keep our families updated with changes that impact our school reopening plans.

Should you have any immediate concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

