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Clarksville, IN

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY

RE-ENTRY PLAN

2021-2022 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*



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The Church in Central and Southern Indiana

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- 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.

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.

DOMAIN: LOGISTICS AND PLANNING

School Entrance Protocol

Health Screenings

- Faculty and staff are required to self-screen before entering school. If they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, then they must remain at home.
- Families are required to screen child/ren for signs of illness before coming to school. Students should not come to school or participate in extracurricular activities if illness is suspected. Families may use the COVID-19 screening guide as a reference. [COVID-19 Screening Tool](#)

Masks

- All K-8 students, teachers, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a mask when indoors to start the school year.
- It is recommended that our 3 year old and 4 year old preschool children wear a mask while indoors.
- Individuals do not need to wear a mask outside.

Visitors

- The school will minimize the number of visitors in the building.
- All visitors must enter through the front entrance, follow the mask recommendation, have a temperature check and fill out a health check questionnaire.

Before Care

- Before Care will only be provided for grades PreK - 8.
- Students will sign into Before Care.
- Students will have assigned seats, and families will sit together.

After School Care

- After School Care will be provided for students in grades PreK - 8.

Daily Procedures to Maintain Health and Safety in School Environment.

- Social distancing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Students will be in cohorts to make contact tracing easier.
- Students may be provided with desk shields as a barrier for added protection.
- Students will have assigned seats in the classroom, cafeteria and church.
- 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.
- When moving throughout the building, students will move in a single file line.
- 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. A virtual option is not provided this year.

- In the case of a closure, eLearning will be implemented. Google Classroom will be the platform that is used for grades K-8.
- Students who must quarantine due to COVID-19 may continue to receive instruction.
 - Teachers will push out assignments to students daily via Google Classroom.
 - Parents or students may request hard-copy assignments.
 - Google meets may be provided depending on the grade level.

Water Fountains

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

Lunch

- Students will eat in the cafeteria.
- Students will have assigned seats and will be spaced apart in order to maintain social distancing.
- Number of students will be limited in the cafeteria to help with social distancing.
- Self-serve food items will be eliminated.
- Food sharing will be prohibited.
- The microwave will NOT be available for students to heat up food.

Recess

- Weather permitting, students will go to recess each day.
- Masks do not need to be worn outdoors.
- Teachers will teach students the importance of social distancing during recess.

Church

- Students will attend Mass once a week.
- Students will have assigned seats and efforts will be made to social distance..

Field Trips

- Field trips are still to be determined and are contingent on the health of the community.

Large Assemblies and Gatherings

- Assemblies and large gatherings will take place with mask recommendations followed by those in attendance.

Disinfecting and Cleaning of the School

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

Preschool

- It is recommended that our 3 year old and 4 year old preschool children wear a mask while indoors.
- If a preschool student attends Before Care or After Care, then they will be required to wear a mask while in the regular school building.

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 100.4° or greater
- Cough or Shortness of breath (especially new onset, uncontrolled cough)
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain
- Headache (particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever)
- 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:

Protocol for Illness

- Individuals who are not feeling well should stay home from school. The students **MUST** meet the following criteria to return to school:
 - Individuals must be symptom free and fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours, AND
 - Must have a doctor's note and/or a negative COVID test result before returning to school.

Protocol for Positive Case

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result and must be 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications and symptoms improved before returning from isolation.
- Families should notify the school as soon as possible so contact tracing can be put into place.

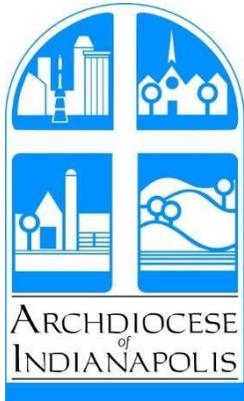
Protocol for Close Contact

- If a student is vaccinated and considered a close contact, the student does not have to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms. If symptoms arise, the student should isolate and get tested.
- If a student is not vaccinated and considered a close contact, the student **MUST** quarantine. A child wearing a mask will be considered a close contact if the student has been within 3 ft of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. A child not wearing a mask will be considered a close contact if the student has been within 6 ft of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Options for quarantine
 - 10 day quarantine: Asymptomatic close contact may return after Day 10 with enhanced precautions (listed below) in place for Days 11-14

- Masked at all times during the school day
- Distance of at least 3 ft in classroom
- Lunch to be eaten separately from others as the mask will be off when eating.
- Symptom monitoring daily by parents
- o 14 day quarantine: Asymptomatic close contact may return after day 14 without enhanced precautions or testing.
- o Symptomatic close contact will need to obtain a COVID-19 test.
 - If the test is positive, begin 10 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began.
 - If the test is negative, must complete the remainder of the 14-day quarantine at home.

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 school will be responsible for contact tracing.
- 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.



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STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

2021 – 2022

August 4

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The best way in which Catholic schools can practice these beliefs is by operating Catholic school ministry and its extra-curricular activities in their preferred form – in person – whenever possible. Therefore, as early as July 1, 2021, Catholic school ministry and its extra-curricular activities will resume with new health and safety precautions in place, unless there is a resurgence of the pandemic and/or canonical and/or civil authorities require(s) closure.

The Catholic 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 is (attached/included).

1. I understand that the School will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe environment, including specific measures to guard against the spread of a contagion such as Covid-19. I accept that no matter the precautions taken by the School there is no way to fully assure that such measures will be successful in preventing injury, exposure to a contagion, or illness. I understand that by allowing my child to participate in Catholic school ministry and its extra-curricular activities, there is some assumed risk on behalf of students and their parents.
2. I will provide my student the necessary equipment, resources, and supports needed for participation. These needed materials will be communicated by the teacher(s), coach(es), and/or moderator(s). I will also reinforce to my student the need to maintain all expected protocols related to his/her health and that of others.

3. I understand that parish and school leaders, united in the mission of the Catholic Church, work collaboratively to make sure shared spaces are as safe and secure as possible for participants in all ministries.

We hereby acknowledge that we have read, understand, and agree to the criteria for participation in Catholic school ministry and its extra-curricular activities as stated in this Student Health and Safety Plan.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Signature _____

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Signature _____

Please return this signed form to the school office no later than August 13.