



OFFICE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN

For Fall 2021 in response to COVID-19, updated 8/27/2021

The Office for Catholic Schools and its principals and directors, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, local health officials, and other Diocesan staff, have worked diligently to develop a school return to campus plan that allows students to continue their studies in person through processes that reduce health-related risks while maintaining an environment in which our students encounter quality academics, social interaction, and Catholic immersion.

Our schools and early learning centers will provide on campus learning with the necessary campus and classroom safety protocol needed to support students' safe return to school in August, 2021. This plan may be updated regularly based on the guidance of local and state health officials. School principals and directors will share updated information on the school's website and distribute all updates to parents via the school information system.

HEALTH PROTOCOL

- Students and teachers are strongly recommended to wear facemasks. The mask must meet the school's policy on what type of mask is acceptable.
- It is particularly recommended that teachers wear a mask when less than 3 feet from a student for more than 5 minutes (helping one on one or in small groups).
- The school/center reserves the right to check an individual's temperature. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4F or above, or any concerning symptoms, will be placed in a separate location to be sent home immediately. Random and/or scheduled temperature checks may be administered throughout the school day. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4F or above or feeling ill should stay home to maintain a healthy school campus.
- Parents are encouraged to talk with their doctor about the COVID vaccines.
- Students will be reminded to frequently wash hands.

VISITOR PROTOCOL

- To minimize risk, all visitors will be required to wear a facemask if they will be interacting with students or teachers.
- All visitors/guests on campus will report to the main office and potential exposure to COVID questions will be asked. Visitors may be asked to sign a waiver and the school reserves the right to check temperature.
- If a parent provides snacks for a class, they must be store-purchased and individually store-wrapped. No homemade snacks may be brought in for students.
- Parents must follow their child's school arrival and dismissal procedures.

QUARANTINES AND EXPOSURES PROTOCOL

Please refer to the decision tree below for our quarantine and exposures protocol. Schools and centers will follow these protocols unless directed otherwise by their local health department.

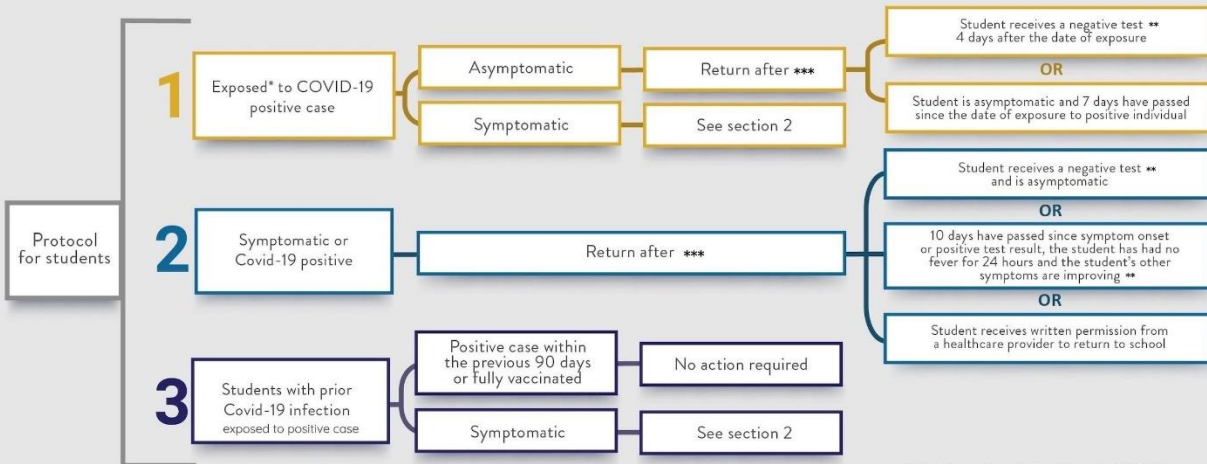
2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

PROTOCOLS FOR CONTROLLING COVID-19

Based on guidance from the Florida Department of Education



COVID-19 SYMPTOMATIC DECISION TREE



*Per CDC, exposure is close contact of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more. Contact at greater than 6 feet or for less than 15 minutes is generally not sufficient to transmit the virus.

***Students must quarantine before returning
** COVID tests must be PCR or rapid tests, not over the counter tests

CLEANING & DISINFECTING

Enhanced cleaning protocols have been established to disinfect the campuses daily. It is very important that all employees understand the safety requirements, protocols and expectations to ensure that everyone and their communities stay safe and prevent the spread of the virus. Teachers and staff will be provided the necessary cleaning and disinfecting materials. Staff will be trained in sanitation and hygiene instruction.

The safety of our employees and students is our first priority. The cleaning steps outlined below are to be taken to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, etc. to protect employees and reduce the risk of spread of infection. We will require employees to maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfecting based on the frequency stated below.

GENERAL DISINFECTION MEASURES

Category	Area	Frequency
Workspaces	Classrooms, offices	At the end of each use/day
Appliances	Refrigerators, microwaves, coffee machines	Daily
Electronic Equipment	Copier machines, shared computer monitors, TVs, telephones, keyboards	At the end of each use/day and/or between use
General Used Objects	Handles, light switches, railings, and other commonly-touched areas	Daily
Buses	Bus seats, handles/railing, belts, window controls	At the end of each use/day
Common Areas	Cafeteria, library, conference rooms, gyms, sinks, restrooms, common areas	At scheduled time(s) in the day

PREVENTIVE MATERIAL INVENTORY

Schools and centers will have

1. An adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and tissues.
2. A supply of gloves and other protective gear.

MASS, ASSEMBLIES, AND LARGE GATHERING ARRANGEMENTS

Mass protocols should follow the procedures established by the school's pastor or chaplain. Assemblies and large gatherings will follow parish guidelines for Mass. Updates to these arrangements will be communicated to the principals and directors. Individual sites will make decisions on social distancing, the use of an isolation room, and other school or class level procedures.

SPORTING EVENTS

Sporting events will return to full capacity. Attendees will be strongly encouraged to wear masks.

CAFETERIA AND MEAL PERIODS

Cafeteria employees and volunteers will follow the prescribed protocol for PPE while preparing and distributing food. Tables, trays, and other commonly-used items will be disinfected between each lunch period. The sharing of food between students is not allowed. Classrooms and outdoor space may be

utilized for lunches to prevent being over capacity when needed. Staggering lunch periods may be considered if it becomes necessary to limit the number of people in the cafeteria at any one time.

The cafeteria and food preparation rooms will be regularly sanitized and disinfected. School and center staff will use a log to document cleaning times.

WATER BOTTLES

Water fountains will not be used, and it is recommended that students bring in their own water bottles.

ACADEMICS AND EARNING

Students will begin the 2021-2022 academic year in August on campus for all students with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures will be required. In the event that a student tests COVID-positive or is placed under quarantine but is well enough to participate in lessons, synchronous or asynchronous distance learning may be made available to that student at the discretion of the principal.