



ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# School Return Plan





## In-person, In-school Learning Five Days a Week

This is our back to school plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Our plan is to have in-person, in-school learning five days a week. We believe that this is what is best for our students both academically and socially. The backbone of our plan is increased health monitoring, cleaning procedures, and classroom and school day procedures that promote safe decisions for our children. While we realize that the perfect plan is impossible, we present with confidence and prayer our procedures and pray that they will mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19 on our school campus. As we have all witnessed with policies surrounding this virus, this plan will be amended as needed with the counsel of experts as the virus changes.





# Health & Safety Policies & Procedures

Parent volunteers and parents taking their children to their classrooms during the first week of school are allowed in the school building. Please do not enter the building if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to Covid-19.



**Each family is asked to do a “health check” with your child before you leave the house each day.** Check for fever, chills, new cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, headache, diarrhea, fatigue, and sore throat. Please do not send your child to school if they have the above symptoms during the health check.



Students will have class outdoors as much as possible.

Each classroom will have desks spaced 3 - 6 ft. apart. Most of our classrooms can accommodate that type of spacing. We will adhere to social distancing in an age-appropriate manner.

Students will sit in a socially distanced manner during lunch in the cafeteria.

## Mask Guidelines

- According to the CDC, the American Pediatric Association, and the Lucas County Health Department, masks are recommended for everyone, but particularly for unvaccinated individuals.
- Beginning Monday August 30, 2021, all students grades K-8 that are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask during the school day. Those people fully vaccinated from age 12 to adulthood have the option of wearing a mask.
- Masks are required for students riding TPS and Sylvania busses.



## Handwashing Guidelines

- Handwashing lessons and times which maintain social distancing will be built into the daily schedule of the class. Children will wash their hands with soap and water at least every two hours as recommended by the CDC.
- In addition to handwashing, hand sanitizer will be available constantly.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

- Students' work areas will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected by our maintenance staff.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized several times a day.
- Each classroom, the gym, and the church is equipped with an air purifier.





## Start of Day

### 7AM

School doors will open at 7:00am. Every student K-8 will enter through the gym doors when they get dropped off for school.

### 7-7:40AM

Students will sit with their grade level classes in a socially distanced manner.

### 7:40AM

Students will walk to their classrooms.

### 7:40-7:55AM

Students will walk directly to their classrooms. All Preschool students will enter the building at the Extended Day/Preschool door and walk directly to their preschool room. Mrs. Vendemo will give you further instructions about the start of the day.



## In the Classroom

Each teacher will inform you of procedures that they will have in place in their classrooms. In middle school, desks will be sanitized between uses. Music, Art, STREAM, and Phys Ed. will take place in their respective classrooms.



## Lunch & Recess

For the students, this is the most important part of their day! We will have four recess times. After recess, students will wash their hands and eat lunch in the cafeteria. Tables will be marked for social distance sitting. Masks do not need to be worn outside.



## Dismissal

We will dismiss two grades at a time. Grades will have specific areas to stand outside of the gym doors between the gym and the church. Parents please stand in the coned area and wait for your child's class to walk out of the gym door. Preschool students will be picked up at the Extended Day/Preschool door at 2:15.

# Isolation, Quarantine, & Close Contact Guidelines

(Source: Lucas County Health Department)

## Isolation

Keeps someone who is sick (**even without symptoms**) away from others, even in their own home. Isolation lasts at least 10 days from the time symptoms first appeared, at least 24 hours have passed with no fever without fever-reducing medication, and other symptoms have significantly improved (**all 3 conditions have to be met before isolation is lifted**).



- If you live with others, stay in a “sick room” or an area away from other people and animals, including pets, and use a separate bathroom if available.
- **Special Case:** If you tested positive for COVID-19, but do not have symptoms, isolation lasts **at least 10 days** from date of test.
- If student or staff has provided an alternate diagnosis in written form provided to the school, the individual may return to school before the end of the 10 day isolation period according to the doctor’s guidance.

## Quarantine

Keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who is sick (even without symptoms), especially with COVID-19, away from others. Quarantine lasts **at least 10 days** from the most recent contact, includes 2 temperature checks per day and staying alert to symptoms of COVID-19.



## Close Contact

Contact with someone who has had a diagnosis of COVID-19, at a **distance of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or longer**, with or without a face covering or barrier, at any time up to 48 hours before the initial date of exposure/diagnosis, or had direct contact with the COVID-19 positive person within the same time parameters.





## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What will happen if someone is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 at school?**

If someone is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, whether it be faculty, staff, or student, their temperature will be taken immediately and they will be placed in the nurse's office. The nurse's office will be closed to all other students until the person is picked up from school and the office is thoroughly disinfected. If it is a child, an adult will stay with them until a parent can come and pick them up. Please enter the building at the Tower entrance and pick up your child from the office. At that time, we would refer the person to their doctor. As per the Lucas County Health Department guidelines, the person must then stay home for 10 days AND be fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION. If they go to the doctor and the doctor gives the person a different diagnosis, (for example strep throat, ear infection, flu) that might cause the same symptoms, the person will be allowed to return to school with the guidance of their doctor.

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### **What will happen if someone tests positive for COVID-19?**

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the person with the positive test will be in isolation for 10 days and 24 hours fever free **WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION** and have an improvement of their symptoms. **Mr. McMunn is our contact person for the Health Department. He will call them immediately.** Contact tracing will begin and the school and Health Department will notify anyone at school that was within 3ft. of the person and spent 15 minutes or longer in close contact with the person. Anyone contacted by the school and Health Department, must quarantine for 10 days from the date of exposure. They may not return to school until the full quarantine has been completed. A letter will be sent to each classroom that has a positive Covid exposure and parents will be asked to monitor their child for symptoms. At this time, vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if they are in close contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19 unless they develop symptoms.

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### **When can someone come back after an illness?**

If a staff member or student contracts Covid-19, they must stay home 10 days from their positive test AND 1 day with no fever without fever reducing medication. If someone is sent home from school with COVID symptoms, they must stay home for 10 days and 1 day with no fever unless they get a diagnosis from their doctor that states that another illness has caused the symptoms.

### How will my child learn if they are home from school either in isolation or in quarantine?

If your child is home sick, either in isolation or quarantine, then they will adopt a learn at home model for school. Their teacher will assign virtually the assignments and lessons that they will miss. You can also arrange to have work picked up at the school office. Whichever method works best for a successful time away for your child. If your child is not feeling well and needs to rest, then they will catch up when they are feeling better, either virtually or face to face when they return to school.

