

2021 - 2022

Health and Safety Plan



Holy Family
Regional Catholic School



Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is the Plan of procedures we will be using for the 2021-2022 school year. This Plan includes the guidance and procedures we will be using here at Holy Family Regional Catholic School, as well as segments from Catholic Schools Onward: Best Practices and New Opportunities as We Move Forward as prepared by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Catholic Education, and the Bucks County Health Department.

Please review this Plan and familiarize yourself with how we will be providing in person instruction this year. Our goal is to provide the best learning experience for our students in the safest learning environment – our school.

May God continue to bless our students, faculty, families and all who support our school.

Vaccines

- All eligible individuals 12 years of age and older are encouraged to get vaccinated.
- Vaccination information shared with the school from faculty, staff, parents, or students is confidential and will not be shared.

Masks/Face Coverings

- As per the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order dated August 31, 2021, all individuals (students, teachers, staff, visitors, and volunteers) must wear a mask to begin the school year regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks will **not** be required when outdoors, for PE class, or when eating/drinking in the classroom or the cafeteria.
- While in the classroom, face shields can be worn in place of the mask. When leaving the classroom and moving in the hallways, masks must be worn. Face shields can be provided for any student wishing to wear one.
- Mask breaks will be permitted for a limited period in the classroom at the discretion of the administration and with support of the teacher, when students are working independently, seated at their desks and maintaining the required social distance.
- Masks must be worn while riding school buses.
- The mask requirement will be reviewed pending the current level of transmission within Bucks County. When the levels are in the substantial or high category, masks will be required. At the direction of the Bucks County Health Department, when transmission levels are in the low or moderate category, masks may become optional.

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- Parents who have a child with a medical condition can ask for a medical exemption. Parents seeking a medical exemption for their child should ask for the Request for Medical Exemption to Mask Requirements form from the school nurse and then submit the completed form to the school nurse. Upon review of the request, the school nurse will notify the parents as to the decision.

Physical Distancing

- Classrooms will be arranged to afford at least 3 feet of physical distance or the greatest extent possible.
- Seating in the cafeteria will be altered to accommodate no one sitting across from a student or beside a student.

COVID Testing

- Any individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be referred for COVID-19 testing.
- Rapid testing can be done within our school, by the school nurse, with a signed consent by the parent.

Isolation/Quarantine

- Whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days as both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus during that time.
- Students who must quarantine will be provided with classwork via either Google Classroom or Seesaw.

Reporting

- Parents should report positive COVID-19 cases to the school. Schools are required to report cases to the Bucks County Health Department.

Contact Tracing

- Per the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), schools should continue to work closely with the Bucks County Health Department (BCHD) to complete contact tracing for individuals diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. As part of the contact tracing

process, the PADOH and BCHD will continue to work with schools to gather information about potential close contacts.

Other Mitigation Practices

Enhanced Cleaning

The school will increase the cleaning of common areas and highly used features such as doorknobs, handrails, and counters. Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school. With this enhanced cleaning, a safer environment can be established.

Monitoring Health

Every day, parents are primarily responsible for monitoring the health of their children. Teachers will be reminded to check the health of their students during a common activity. Additionally, the school will implement random temperature monitoring.

Health Guidelines

- Parents will self-assess students with the Covid-19 Checklist before sending them to school each morning.
- Faculty and Staff will self-assess using the Covid-19 Checklist daily.
- Staff and students will stay home if they have a fever of 100 °F or higher.
- Any staff member or student with a fever will stay home **until they have not had a fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine.**

COVID-19 Checklist

Please stay home if you are experiencing:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Quarantine Room

- The Nurse's office will be the designated quarantine room.
- The maximum capacity will be two students.
- Students with possible symptoms will be sent to the Nurse's office.
- The nurse will check symptoms before a symptomatic student enters the room.
- If it is determined a symptomatic student needs to quarantine, the nurse will stay in the room and contact the parents.
- No other student will be permitted to enter the Nurse's office while a student with possible symptoms is being evaluated.
- The Nurse's office will be completely sanitized if a student with possible symptoms has been in the office.

Hand Hygiene

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands after using the bathroom and before and after eating.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom. Hand sanitizing stations will be located at the main entrance, the bus depot entrance and in the cafeteria.

Arrival/Dismissal by Car

- Procedures used for morning car drop off and afternoon car pick up will remain the same as last year.
- Each morning, cars will pull up by the Parish Center and will be greeted by school staff who will open the doors and direct them to the front door of the school.
- In the afternoon, cars will line up in the church parking lot. Each family will be assigned a family number that should be displayed in the front passenger window. Staff members will record family numbers from right to left using the lanes in the front of the school. Cars will be dismissed individually when students are safely in their car with seat belts on. Cars should wait for direction from a staff member before pulling out of their lane.

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*This is a working document and may need to be adjusted or changed based on new information or requirements set by the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Office of Catholic Education or the Bucks County Department of Health.