



DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN

For the 2020-2021 School Year in Response to COVID-19

The Catholic Schools Office in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education, Catholic Conference of Kentucky, local health officials, administrators, and other diocesan staff, has worked diligently to develop a school re-opening plan that allows students to return to campus in a manner that reduces health-related risks while maintaining an environment in which we focus on the education of the whole child.



COVID-19 Screening

Students, teachers and staff need to self-screen at home prior to heading to school. Students, teachers and staff will be required to be temperature-checked daily upon arrival. Those who have a fever of 100.4 F or higher, and/or two or more COVID-19 symptoms, should immediately isolate and contact their medical provider or use telehealth for further instructions. Those individuals residing in the same residence with the individual with COVID-19 symptoms also need to immediately isolate and wait for the direction of the medical provider. Individuals with symptoms may return to work or school, when symptom-free and fever-free for at least 72 hours (without fever reducing medication) and with a health care provider's work or school clearance determining they do not have COVID-19. Other individuals in the household may return to school after a health care provider has determined COVID-19 is not present in the home.



Cleaning and Disinfecting

Enhanced cleaning protocols have been established to disinfect the campuses daily. High touch surfaces will be regularly disinfected throughout the school day. Teachers and staff will be provided the necessary cleaning and disinfecting materials. Hand sanitizers will be provided throughout the building and in the classrooms.



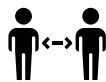
Face Masks

Face coverings are required for all students, teachers and staff at all times while on school property. Parents are asked to provide face mask to students. Face masks are expected to be cleaned. Gaiters, one-way valve face masks and face shields are not acceptable face coverings.



Visitors & Volunteers Protocol

At this time, the use of campus volunteers will be at the discretion of the principal. Visitors will not be permitted on the campus during the school day other than the front office. This recommendation is made based on the need to limit the exposure of our students, teachers and staff.



Strategic Social Distancing

Classroom seating will be arranged to maximize strategic social distancing and to limit face-to-face contact, which will allow for some opportunity for masks to be removed. Classes will alternate use of the cafeteria and other campus areas such as outdoor spaces to maintain reduced capacity and strategic social distancing protocols.



Mass, Large Gatherings & Sporting Events

School Masses will follow the protocols in place by the diocese. All athletic sporting events must adhere to state and local guidelines. Strategic social distancing for all large gatherings on campus, inside and outside of the schools' facilities, will be observed, as well as state guidelines.

