



Catholic Schools Office DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Reopening Plan for 2021-22 school year

The following reopening plan will apply to the 2021-22 school year for all schools in the Diocese of Owensboro. The plan is subject to change by Gubernatorial or Presidential Executive Order, Legislative action, CDC and/or Health Department regulations, and/or KDE mandated changes. If any of these become applicable, the plan will be modified accordingly.

Our goal is to create an environment that provides an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

General precautions within our diocese

- Students and staff will be required, whether vaccinated or not, to be masked indoors from the start of school until Labor Day. At that time, schools and the diocese will revisit the requirements.
 - ✦ Community health and safety data will be monitored and if COVID-19 positive cases increase inside a classroom, a school, and/or across the diocese, decisions to require mask-wearing will be adjusted accordingly.
- Masks should be provided by the school if anyone requires one.
- Field Trips will resume as necessary and maintain an instructional focus.
- Competition trips will resume as necessitated by scheduling/season.
- To the greatest extent possible, a minimum 3-foot social distance will be in place.
 - ✦ Classrooms will be accommodated as much as can be reasonably expected.
- Classroom rosters and seating charts will be kept and maintained for all students for contact tracing purposes.
- Sharing materials among students will continue to be minimized.
- Visitors to the buildings will be limited to those that have an essential instructional/vendor function.
- Strongly encourage frequent hand-washing and hygiene practices.
- Maintain wide availability of hand sanitizer.
- Maintain COVID-19 cleaning protocols put in place during the height of the pandemic.