



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Saint John Catholic School

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1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

Saint John Catholic School is committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors. The 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan is intended to provide a safe learning environment for all, while keeping our students in school for in-person learning. The strategies, policies, and procedures outlined below are subject to change at any time for reasons including, but not limited to: changes in transmission rates in Centre County; Centers for Disease Control, American Academy of Pediatrics, and PA Department of Health Guidelines and Recommendations; and availability for vaccination of children age 12 and under. (Note: vaccination is a personal choice. Our policy considers the fact that none of the learners in our school currently have the option of vaccination, leaving all of our learners at risk. Until parents have the opportunity to make the choice whether to vaccinate or not, we have an obligation to do all that we can to continue to keep our school environment safe for all children.)

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Saint John Catholic School is committed to ensuring continuity of services to address academic needs by offering in-person learning full-time for all students, with a plan for temporary remote learning should COVID case data necessitate.

Saint John Catholic School will continue to work with the Central Intermediate Unit 10 and our local public schools to provide guidance counseling and remediation in math and reading, as well as Title I Reading services.

Working with Bellefonte Area School District, Saint John Catholic School will participate in waivers with the USDA to provide free meals to all students for the upcoming school year and collaborate with the YMCAs Anti-hunger programs additional family support.

Equity Considerations

- Continue with 1:1 Chromebooks
- Develop and maintain community partnerships to ensure that referrals for mental health services or services to maintain social and emotional well-being of students and families is available.
- Develop partnerships to assist families with basic needs such as food, shelter and medical care.
 - Participate in the USDA waivers that allow all children to continue to receive free meals for the 2021-22 school year.
 - YMCA Anti-hunger programs

The Human Resources department will work with any staff who have individual health-related needs.

Saint John School will request that district staff and families report positive cases to the school to facilitate contact tracing and ensure communication and planning.

Students who are isolated or quarantined will have the opportunity to participate in classes remotely to the extent possible. The use of Schoology, Google Classroom, Zoom, and other programs may be utilized for maintaining participation in learning.

Saint John School will continue to consider all directives from the Diocesan Education Office, CDC, PDE, PA DOH, and others as they may become available.

Sources of Information:

- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#)

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>All staff will wear face masks when inside and working with children, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>All students are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear face masks when inside and not able to maintain a distance of at least three feet.</p> <p>If the transmission rate in Centre County reaches MODERATE, students <u>WILL</u> be required to wear masks when not able to maintain a distance of at least three feet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group or 1:1 instruction • Mass • Gatherings of mixed groups, such as school assemblies, Faith Families, Guardian Angels. • Early arrival to school while waiting in the auditorium • When moving about inside the building, if unable to maintain distance • Specials classes, if unable to maintain distance • When inside during After School Program, if unable to maintain distance of at least three feet <p>Students <u>WILL NOT</u> be required to wear masks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in classroom seated at their individual desk • When outside: recess, outdoor classrooms, outdoor Physical Education • During Lunch • When able to maintain a distance of at least three feet from others <p>Recognizing that the situation with Covid-19 remains fluid, Saint John School may require students to wear masks in additional situations if circumstances change or if state or federal mandates are issued. Factors that may influence changes to the mask policy would include an increase in the Covid-19 transmission levels, illness of a family member, or travel to a high positivity area.</p> <p>*Students will follow the rules of their public school district regarding masks when utilizing district transportation.</p>

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	<p>Parents may request that their child wear their mask all day, apart from lunch and recess. Please notify the school in writing if making this request. This option will be honored and respected.</p> <p>All non-staff visitors to the school, including parents and volunteers, will be required to wear masks at all times when in the building, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Students exhibiting any cold-like or allergy symptoms will be sent home until able to present a negative Covid test result and/or report from physician.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Student desks will be distanced three-to-six-feet apart.</p> <p>Students will be spaced three-to-six-feet apart in the cafeteria, with plexiglass dividers as appropriate.</p> <p>Students will be kept a minimum of three feet apart while inside, including when walking to and from classrooms, cafeteria, etc., to the extent feasible.</p> <p>Students will remain with their grade level group throughout the day. The exceptions to this are lunch, recess, if your child attends the After School Program, Mass, and assemblies.</p> <p>Saint John Catholic School will return to the following grouping system for lunch and recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten and First Grade • Second and Third Grade • Fourth and Fifth Grade <p>Students will attend Mass every Monday. Parents and other parishioners are again permitted to attend service with us and are asked to wear a mask.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Students will be asked to wash/sanitize hands at sensible times, as always: at start and end of the school day, before and after lunch, when they have sneezed or used the restroom, and as needed. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and high traffic areas. All staff and students will be retrained on when and how to wash hands and how to cover mouths when sneezing/coughing.</p> <p>Water fountains will not be used. Students are asked to bring a labeled refillable water bottle to school and are able to fill water bottles when needed.</p>

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<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</p>	<p>All areas of the school will continue to be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis, including Sunday evenings after any usage of our building by outside groups (CCD, etc.)</p> <p>Doors will remain open as appropriate to reduce hand to handle contact, with all door handles being sanitized throughout the day as appropriate.</p> <p>Saint John Catholic School will make every effort to provide as much ventilation as possible in each classroom, as we did in 2020-2021. Leaving windows and doors open in an appropriate manner is the simplest approach.</p> <p>Air Purifiers have been purchased for every classroom and common area.</p> <p>New Air Conditioning units have been purchased for every classroom and common area.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Saint John Catholic School will follow Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC guidance in the event of quarantine, with all contact going through the Diocesan Education Office.</p> <p>At this time, unvaccinated faculty, staff, or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person when unmasked will need to quarantine based on time frames established by the CDC and adopted by the State of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will NOT need to quarantine, and no contact tracing is needed.</p> <p>Any student, faculty, or staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine/isolate, with the length of the quarantine/isolate to be determined by the Board of Health.</p> <p>In the case of quarantine/isolation, students will receive work to complete at home via Schoology with daily face-to-face check-ins via Zoom and, when appropriate, opportunities to participate in live instruction via Zoom for particular lessons.</p> <p>If quarantine is needed for a group of students, the school will strive to accommodate that group through a combination of virtual and traditional learning methods.</p>

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	<p>Students may not be virtual for any reason other than exposure to Covid-19 or illness due to Covid-19. Illness, for any other reason or vacations, does not qualify for virtual learning.</p>
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>Temperature checks will not be done on a daily basis; rather, they will be reserved for screening potentially ill students or faculty and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty and staff are asked to do a daily self-check for symptoms. • Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking students for symptoms of illness and to keep students home when ill. • Parents will be notified to pick up their child(ren) if symptoms appear. <p>Please keep your child home if they have any possible symptoms of Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher • New cough • Shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell (without congestion) • Stomachache • Diarrhea and/or vomiting • Sore throat • Chills • Body/Muscle aches • Headache • Congestions or runny nose <p>Saint John School will maintain a list of Covid testing centers to share with parents and staff.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>Vaccination, while encouraged, will not be required for anyone.</p> <p>Those vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if exposed to Covid-19. They will be required to wear a mask at all times for 10 days.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Continue with 1:1 Chromebooks</p> <p>Attendance Policy flexibility may be granted on an individual basis for those who are following the Stay-at-Home guidelines, are isolated, or quarantined.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Coordination with state and local health officials. 	<p>Saint John Catholic School will collaborate and consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control for ongoing Covid-19 guidance and support through the Diocesan Education Office.</p>