

All Saints Catholic School



Reopening Plan

2020 - 2021

Dear All Saints Families,

This past spring, the COVID-19 pandemic changed how we deliver the mission of All Saints Catholic School. In spite of the unknown and difficult circumstances, All Saints remains committed to ensuring that all students receive a high quality, faith-based education.

We want you to know that all plans to re-open will be done in a thoughtful and systematic way with the health and safety of students, staff, and the larger community as our highest priority. The intent is to return to in-person learning at All Saints Catholic School. We know that circumstances can change rapidly during this health crisis and any change in plans will be based on new information and guidance from health authorities and any health mandates. We continue to turn to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Iowa Department of Health/Governor's Office, the Scott County Health Department, and the Davenport Diocese.

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Health and Safety

The most important that that we can do to prevent virus transmission among our school community, is to not bring it to school in the first place. Students and staff will be expected and asked to stay home in the following situations:

When exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19.

If you have one of the following:

Fever/chills/body aches (fever defined as more than 100 degrees)

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or at least two of the following (with no other confirmed cause, like seasonal allergies):

Nasal congestion

New loss of taste or smell

Headache

Muscle pain

Nausea/vomiting

Diarrhea

Sore Throat

After close contact with persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are symptomatic

After returning from travel to certain locations, as guided by CDC or local public health officials.

Screening

At this time, we will perform daily temperature checks for every student and employee upon classroom entry. We will have temperature screening tools in the building for in-school screening. Parents are instructed to keep their child at home if they are ill. Any student with a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater or symptoms of possible COVID-19 virus infection should not be present in school.

When students or employees who are already at school report symptoms of COVID-19, they will report to an isolation area. Once students arrive at this location, their parents will be contacted. Students may be picked up from that location and parents should contact their physician on the next steps prior to returning to school.



Participation in class from home

When student needs to stay home for COVID-related reasons described above, but is feeling well enough to continue to do school work, the student's teacher will post their work on Canvas, and that will allow them to keep pace with the learning activities and assignments of their classes. In most cases, our goal will be for students to remain fully engaged in all of their classes, and keep up with their classwork throughout the time they need to be home, as long as they are well enough to do so. They will still participate along with their classmates and teachers who are in the building, through the Canvas platform.

It is important that students stay home when needed, whether they are feeling sick, are self-monitoring due to possible exposure, or don't feel simply comfortable with the risk of being in a group setting.

Return to school

For students who need to stay home for any of the reasons listed above, their parents should contact their physician or the Scott County Health Department on what they need to do in order to return to school and when. In some cases this may include a student getting a COVID test or seeing a physician. In other cases, it may include a student staying home in quarantine for a defined time period. We will rely upon guidelines from medical professionals and public health officials to make these determinations.



Preventative Steps to Reduce Transmission Risk in the Building

Masks and other PPE

Beginning on August 3, 2020 and until further notice, all employees, and visitors are required to wear face masks while in the building. All Preschool-8th Grade Students entering the building, passing in the halls, and leaving the building will be required to wear a mask. 1st Grade– 8th Grade Students will also be required to wear masks in their classrooms and will be provided mask breaks by their teachers. Masks may be removed to eat meals or drink water. Masks do not need to be worn in outdoor spaces provided there is proper social distancing among the occupants of these spaces.

Students and employees should plan to bring their masks every day, to keep them clean, and to follow other proper use guidelines throughout the day. **Extra masks will be available for students who arrive at school and have forgotten them.**

Protective shields are being provided for all staff members as they require more personal contact .



Physical Distancing at School

All Saints Catholic School will make a number of adaptations to provide an environment where students, faculty and staff are able and encouraged to maintain appropriate physical distance from one another throughout the course of the school day. It should be noted that we cannot guarantee that 6 feet of distance from others will always be maintained within our building. Current scientific evidence and the advice of medical experts gives us confidence that when we put in place all the rest of these procedures such as staying home when sick or exposed, consistent PPE, and hygiene practices, we will provide sufficient risk mitigation for our population within our building, even if students are sometimes closer together than 6 feet. Still, we will take a number of steps for physical distancing of students, faculty, and staff including:



Classroom spacing and arrangement of desks for maximum distance

Assigned seating in the classroom (this is needed for contact tracing, see below)

Adapting group work assignments to provide more physical distance among groups of students than usual in the classroom

Reducing and eliminating shared classroom materials whenever possible

Increased use of the outdoor space for various classes and activities as weather allows.

Reminding students of distancing guidelines

Decreasing students use of restrooms at one time

Personal Hygiene

Students at All Saints Catholic School will receive regular instruction in and visual reminders of personal hygiene procedure which are shown to reduce the risk of virus transmission. These include:

Frequent handwashing

Hand sanitizing-All Saints Catholic School will provide additional sanitizing stations in common areas, entrances

Cleaning Procedures

Our custodial staff will be implementing regular cleaning and sanitizing procedures throughout the building, which are more intensive than normal. Every night all surfaces in the classrooms will be disinfected. In addition, faculty and staff will observe protocols for cleaning each classroom after use.

Food Service

Serving and consuming food and beverages presents challenges in our current environment. Changes to these procedures will include the following:

Water fountains will be accessible for bottle- filling only. Students will continue to be encouraged to bring their own reusable water containers (clear if possible) and rely on them throughout the school day.

Breakfasts, \$1.35 will be delivered in covered containers to students in their homeroom.

Hot lunches, \$2.50, will be delivered to the student's homeroom in covered containers. Students will not be eating in the cafeteria at this time due to the virus.

Students may bring their own lunches and encouraged to not share items.

Student Entrance and Exit

Students should only use the Playground entrance between 7:15am and 8:00am. After 8:00am students should enter the front door off of Pleasant Street. Drop off and pick up locations and procedures should be the same as in previous years. Students who are waiting for pickup immediately after school will be asked to wait outside, weather permitting, and with social distancing. Bus students will be announced as their bus arrives. After Care students will also be sent to areas that have social distancing in place.

Travel

Class field trips will not occur until further notice.

Assemblies and other large gatherings

Inside school-wide assemblies will not take place until further notice. Instead, the names of the students obtaining their “Catch the Spirit” award will be announced with these students winning an out of dress code day and an ice cream treat for the next day.

Visitors

All School Visitors are asked to check in at the front office. Visitors will need to have an appointment, be met and guided by an employee, and will need to follow all building procedures such as wearing a mask and have a health screening.



Positive cases of COVID-19 IN THE COMMUNITY

If a student, or a member of the student's household, is confirmed positive for COVID-19, we ask that the family inform the school immediately. Please call Mrs. Von Feldt, Principal of All Saints - 563-324-3205 or jeanne.vonfeldt@saints.pvt.k12.ia.us.

Cooperation with local health officials

According to public health guidance, upon learning of a positive case of COVID-19 in our community, the school will work with the Scott County Health Department. We will provide this notification, and expect to remain in communication with these officials about their procedures and guidance as we care for our students and families.

Contact Tracing

We expect that local health officials will carry out their own contact tracing procedures. It will also be possible and helpful for the school to carry out its own procedures as well. If a student, employee, or other person who has been in the building tests positive for COVID-19:

School staff will conduct a brief interview to help determine close contacts among the school community.

The student or community member's close groupings will be considered, such as teams, classroom seating arrangements, etc.

Families of students who have been in close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual, will be contacted by the school, and asked to self monitor and follow CDC guidelines. This may include a requirement to stay home for a period of time.

Household Members

If a student or employee is living with someone who has COVID-19 or is quarantined because of COVID-19, the student or employee in the household should stay home for a minimum of 10 days. In the case of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19, school officials will communicate to the broader community depending on the specifics of the situation. Privacy considerations, as well as the health safety of the entire community that there has been a positive case, but we also may not. We will make these decisions in consultation with local health officials.

School Closure

Depending upon the situation, upon learning of positive COVID-19 cases, it may be necessary to temporarily close the school for cleaning. In addition, we will closely monitor community transmission rates, our own school absentee rate, and the guidance of local health officials, in making these decisions. In decisions of school closings, we will communicate the need to the school community, and launch plans for continuous learning for all students during the closure.

A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.