

Blessed Sacrament School

"Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:8



Blessed Sacrament School Re-Opening Plans 2020-2021

Daily Morning Procedures

- Carline drop-off and pick-up will be required
- Those walking to school must utilize the pre-s/pre-k walk-in entrance gate.
- Daily required temperature check and clean mask must be properly worn prior to exiting the vehicle.
- Students will line-up by class adhering to social distancing.
- Teachers will escort students to designated handwashing areas prior to entering classrooms.
- Parents or guardians will not be permitted in the classrooms

Staff Health & Wellness

- All employees will receive CDC Healthy Schools Training for COVID-19
- Daily temperature check upon arrival
- If an employee has a temperature >100.4F, he or she will be expected to go home and a substitute teacher will be required
- To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to others, employees will be required to complete a self-screening which includes a temperature reading and answering a set of questions related to COVID-19 symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or a measured temperture >100.4F, and if he/she has had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19
- Faculty and staff will be required to wear a face covering throughout the day
- Students in grades K-8 will be required to wear a face covering. Students will wear a face covering when walking through common

areas and in any room where physical distancing is not feasible. When physical distancing is feasible, face coverings will be highly recommended but not required.

- All employees must wash or sanitize hands upon arrival and throughout the day

Classroom Health & Safety

- Physical distancing will be adhered based on CDC and Diocesan guidelines.
- Some of the classes will be divided in half to allow for physical distancing in the classrooms. Therefore, half of the students will be with their homeroom teacher during the first half of the day and the 2nd group will be with their homeroom teacher the 2nd half of the day. When not with the homeroom teacher, the students will be in art, music history, PE, outdoor Mass, study/homework house, etc.
- Each student desk will include a desk shield
- Collaborative tables have been removed and individual student desks have been put in place to allow for distancing.
- There will be no community sharing of property or supplies.
- A plastic 6qt. container with lid will be required for student's personal supplies such as pencils, crayons, erasers, glue, scissors, etc.
- Ziplock bags with primary grade manipulatives will be provided to each student.
- When feasible, outdoor classroom instruction will be encouraged
- Physical education (PE) and intramural/interscholastic athletics will be limited to activities that do not involve physical contact with other students or equipment until advised otherwise by state/local public health officials.
- Parents or guardians will not be permitted in the classrooms

Health & Safety School-wide

- Daily temperature check system for all persons coming on campus
- Daily disinfecting using Diocesan approved products.
- Hand sanitizers will be available in all classrooms and offices
- The use of drinking fountains have been eliminated and converted into handwashing stations. Therefore, handwashing stations have been made available throughout the campus

- Indoor and outdoor social distancing will be required
- Staggered recess and lunch times
- Faculty/staff/parent/school visitors must wear a face covering when on campus
- Students in grades K-8 will be required to wear a face covering. Students will wear a face covering when walking through common areas and in any room where physical distancing is not feasible. When physical distancing is feasible, face coverings will be highly recommended but not required.
- Lunch/snacks MUST be brought in disposable bags or containers. NO LUNCH BOXES ALLOWED. Any leftover food/drinks will be discarded immediately. Hot lunch may be offered via Choice Lunch and will be packaged individually for students.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own personal water containers
- Each grade-level will have a designated play area
- Due to staggered lunches, shared spaces such as communal spaces and break rooms will be accessed by a limited amount of individuals at a time
- Scheduled cleaning will be performed on all high traffic surface areas throughout the day
- Deep cleaning and disinfecting will be performed every night on all areas and all touched surfaces
- Environmentally safe products will be used

Health Screenings for Students and Staff

- Daily temperature check with no-touch thermometers upon arrival
- Faculty/staff and students will be instructed to stay home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Children who start to feel ill or are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness including a fever of >100.4F will be separated in an isolation area until parents arrive for pick-up.
- If a student is symptomatic while entering campus or during the school day:
 - Students who develop symptoms of illness while at school will be separated from others right away, he or she will be isolated in an area through which others do not pass. If

more than one student is in an isolation area, physical distancing will be implemented.

- Any students or staff exhibiting symptoms should be required to immediately wear a face covering and wait in an isolation area until they can be transported home or to a health care facility
- Students will remain in isolation with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult

Independent Self Management Skills

- Parents are highly encouraged to practice/remind the following skills prior to the start of school: proper handwashing, nose blowing and proper disposal of tissues.
- Practice tying shoes independently, if this skill is not mastered, velcro shoes will be permitted.
- Practice opening and closing food bags/containers independently.
- Practice proper placement and removal of face covering.
- Avoid touching your face (keep your fingers out of your mouth, nose, and eyes).
- Practice covering nose and mouth at the same time while coughing and sneezing.

Identification and Tracing Contacts

- If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, the school will immediately notify local health officials. These officials will help administrators determine a course of action. The school will likely dismiss the exposed students and staff for 2-5 days. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and for custodial staff to clean and disinfect the affected facilities. The school will work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further the spread of COVID-19.

- An infected employee should consult with their health care provider immediately and follow the directives provided to them by their health care provider. The infected employee should follow CDC recommended steps, and not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Currently, the CDC's criteria for discontinuing home isolation require that the employee experience all of the following: (1) 3 days with no fever, (2) respiratory systems have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath), and (3) 10 days have passed since his/her symptoms first appeared.
- The school will review symptoms with employees and parents of students. Employees who have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) should notify their supervisor and be sent home as soon as possible. Students who have symptoms should be kept home. Anyone who experiences these symptoms at school will be separated from well students and staff until the sick person can be sent home.
- Employees and students with an underlying medical condition, and who are concerned, should consult their health care provider.

Testing of Students and Staff

To ensure the safety of students and staff, surveillance testing will be implemented. The school will test periodically, as testing capacity permits and as practicable. When a student or staff exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, the student or staff member will be sent home and testing will be recommended. School employees and students who need testing should either go to their health care provider or a state-operated or other community testing site. The Department of Managed Health Care has filed an emergency regulation to require health plans to pay for COVID-19 testing for all essential workers, including school staff. In addition, tests are available at community testing sites throughout the state.

Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning

If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, BSS will immediately notify local health officials. These officials will help determine a course of action for our school. BSS may likely dismiss students and staff for 2-5 days. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and

for custodial staff to clean and disinfect the affected facilities. We will work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

Because BSS will be offering on-campus instruction and distance learning simultaneously, BSS will be able to transition to full distance learning when deemed necessary. BSS will then once again re-open for on-campus instruction once the classroom/campus has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and with the guidance/approval of the local health officials.

Staff Training and Family Education

The basic summary and highlights of the plan has been presented to the faculty/staff via email. Training on the specifics of the plan will occur during teacher in-service days prior to the start of the school year. Discussion of protocols, guidelines, and training will be the focus topic of conversation during their summer in-service.

The BSS protocols have also been shared and will continue to be shared with the entire school community via email as new developments occur. In addition, Back to School Night will take place prior to the start of the school year via Zoom. BSS staff will take the opportunity to share the guidelines and educate the parents on the specifics of the plans. The Health and Safety Plan is published on the website.

Communication & Updates

Blessed Sacrament School is committed to the spiritual, social emotional, and academic success of their students. As new information comes forth, BSS will continue to adapt as necessary for the health and safety of our students and staff. Any revisions or additions to the guidelines will be communicated via email and updated on the website.

**The pandemic situation is fluid and the Health & Safety Plan may be revised and updated as needed.*

“The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.” PSALM

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