

ST. JOSEPH'S RE-OPEN FAQ

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Item	Description
Student Masks	Student masks will be worn during transition periods eg. morning car line, bus, hallway, and/or small groups in the classroom, when there is sustained significant interaction. The governor is providing a cloth mask for each student that will remain at school and that will be washed once a week by the school.
Non-Student Masks	Teachers and other adults that can maintain a 6 feet distance from others need not wear a mask. However, teachers should wear a mask when there is sustained significant interaction, inside of 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, eg. morning car line, small group instruction, walking around and helping students in the classroom, and hallways. Disposable masks are provided at the entrance to the school for adults who want to wear one.
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Increase space between students during in-person instruction.● Rearrange desks to increase space between students.● Try to maintain 3-6 feet between persons when practical.● Allowing 3-6 sq. ft. per person each classroom allows for<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 15 persons per Preschool Room● 24 persons per K-5 classroom● The largest class size (PreK-5th) is 16 updated 6/23/2020
Hand Washing	These are the key times that students will be washing hands and/or using hand sanitizer in a staggered class pattern determined by the teacher to maintain social distancing between students and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Upon arrival to school● Start of the school day● Before and after eating● After using the restroom● After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing● After using shared equipment● Before and after recess● Before and after Mass● Periodically throughout the school day● Before dismissal The school will share the same procedures for hand washing across all grade levels.
Good Hygiene Practices	Schedules will be created to provide adequate time for handwashing, sanitizing desks, and other good hygiene practices.
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bus Drivers will wear a cloth facial covering● The bus will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after all routes

Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus riders will be wearing masks and will be temperature checked before boarding the bus at each bus stop. ● Car riders will be temperature checked before exiting the vehicle ● Students with a temperature of 100° or higher will not be permitted to board the bus; car riders will remain in the vehicle, walkers will be isolated and parents contacted for pick-up ● Car riders will be dropped off on Houston Street ● Bus riders will be dropped off on Peter Street by the Preschool parking lot and by the South Door of the school (K-5) ● Students who arrive early will be temperature checked before entering the school and wait in their classrooms
Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus riders will wait in their classroom and be called over the PA and loaded by grade level ● Car riders will wait in their classroom and be called over the PA by car rider number
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All meals will be pre-packaged ● Students will pick them up in a Grab & Go fashion ● Preschool will eat in the preschool building ● Preschool meals will be delivered to the preschool ● K-5 will pick up their lunch ● K-5 will eat in their classrooms ● Packed lunches remain in the student’s locker except to eat
Outdoor Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will play outdoors as much as possible ● Teachers have volunteered to each take a day to be outside with kids ● Recess will consist of planned games in quadrants with student choice of games ● Students will remain with their grade level cohort
Indoor Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor recess will be conducted in the classrooms
Temperature Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children should have their temperature taken before they leave for school each day. ● Temperatures will be taken before car riders exit their vehicle by school staff ● Temperatures will be taken before bus riders board the bus at each stop ● Students with a temperature of 100° or higher will be escorted to a separate room specifically designated for those students with a fever and/or other symptoms They will not be admitted to class and will be sent home immediately. ● The school may take the temperature of students, employees and visitors on school property on a random basis or in situations where there is reason to believe that the person may be ill. We will use touch-free thermometers. ● Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they should be sent home immediately.

<p>Medical Inquiries of Staff, Students, Parents, and Visitors</p>	<p>Federal law typically limits the type of medical inquiries that can be made, but given the nature of the pandemic more leeway has been given to districts/schools in this circumstance to make additional medical inquiries of staff and students than would otherwise be allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a parent tells the district/school that a student is ill, the district/school may ask the parent whether the student is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. ● If an employee calls in sick or appears ill, the district/school can inquire as to whether the employee is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. ● If a person is obviously ill, the district/school may make additional inquiries and may exclude the person from school property.
<p>School Calendar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Students should anticipate and plan for 180 days of instruction.</i> The mandatory 180 days of instruction can consist of in-person, virtual, or blended instruction.
<p>Positive Case in the School</p>	<p>School may be closed or one grade/classroom may be dismissed in the event of a documented positive case. The health/medical review required to stay open and/or reopen may be done on the same day as a positive case to reduce school closure time. A short-term closure of 2-5 days may be appropriate but will depend on ability and timing for cleaning and disinfecting. The COVID positive student or staff member will be excluded from school for 14 calendar days.</p> <p>We are committed to working with the local health department to keep school open and operating as much as possible. It will depend on how quickly we can get the area/building cleaned.</p>
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Perfect Attendance Awards are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.</p>
<p>School Calendar Adjustments</p>	<p>Adjustments to the school calendar will be determined in conjunction with the local health department.</p>
<p>Daily Health Reports</p>	<p>Daily health reports will be kept at the school and available for review by the Catholic Schools Office and/or Dekalb County Health Department in order to be informed and make determinations. They will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Track reasons for student and staff absences. ● Report positive cases of COVID-19 (one or more) to the local health department for additional closing guidance and contact tracking. ● Ensure positive COVID-19 cases are also reported to the Indiana Department of Education.
<p>Instruction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have created a First 20 Days of School for Instruction, our Catholic faith, easing kids back into school, and for learning new procedures ● Teachers meet June 30th to identify gaps on teaching ● NWEA Fall Benchmark will determine gaps in learning ● Teachers will work with grade level bands to close the teaching and learning gaps ● Teachers will execute remote, and or hybrid instruction for short-term absences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are adding an additional 30 minutes of math to the school day ● Students will receive an additional Tech block during the week in grades 3-5 for self-guided math practice on Kahn Academy
NWEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NWEA Fall Benchmark will be administered in weeks 3 and 4 to identify any gaps in student learning ● NWEA will be administered again in the winter and spring ● NWEA Map Accelerator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is a new program for NWEA that was developed with Kahn Academy ○ For students in 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade. ○ MAP math scores are fed into the Khan system and math learning paths are automatically created.
Drinking Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not in use until further notice ● Students may bring disposable water bottles to school ● Disposable water bottles MAY be provided through our lunch program ● We may ask for disposable water bottle donations from parents
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will be held outside as much as possible