

RETURN TO LEARN

DRAFT 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed much of how we deliver education to our students. As we prepare to return to learning this fall, we want to inform all our school families of the steps that will be taken to ensure the health, safety and academic success of all students attending Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools. Questions regarding the steps outlined below should be directed to your local school administrator.

5 FULL DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

Our diocesan schools will begin school with in-person, full day instruction for PS-12th grade.

Check with your school for the start date and time classes will begin in August.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

School administrators are working with pastors and the diocesan re-opening committee to finalize plans for school Masses.

DAILY HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

The health of students, faculty and staff will be monitored daily.

Temperatures will be checked throughout the school day. All student, faculty and staff concerns will be reviewed by Public Health and the Diocesan Medical Health Team.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students will wear face coverings when entering/exiting the school and traveling in hallways and common spaces. Face coverings can be removed in classrooms. Teachers will wear face shields while working with children throughout the day.

HEALTHY HYGIENE

Hand sanitation will be placed throughout the school. Daily routines enabling regular hand washing will be enforced. Extensive cleaning will occur daily and medically-guided cleaning protocols will be followed should any areas become exposed.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

To the extent possible, physical distancing will be practiced. Staggered scheduling will be in place to avoid high-traffic periods such as lunch and recess.

DISTANCE LEARNING PLANS

All diocesan schools have prepared distance learning plans should stay at home orders be reinstated or a child needs to remain at home for an extended period due to COVID.



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