2021 - 2022 Health and Safety Plan

Holy Family Regional Catholic School



Version History

Version	Date	Section	Description
1.0	09/02/2021	All	Initial Publication
2.0	02/14/2022	Vaccines	Updated eligible age from 12 to 5
		Mask/Face Covering	Updated mask requirement for COVID-19 positive and exposure cases
		Isolation/Quarantine	Updated isolation period from 10 to 5 days
		Reporting	Removed reporting cases to Bucks County Health Dept.
		Contact Tracing	Deleted section
		Health Guidelines	Updated hours needed to be fever free from 72 to 24
			hours

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is the latest Plan of procedures we will be using for the 2021-2022 school year. This Plan includes the guidance and procedures we will be using here at Holy Family Regional Catholic School, as well as segments from Catholic Schools Onward: Best Practices and New Opportunities as We Move Forward as prepared by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Catholic Education, and the Bucks County Health Department.

Please review this Plan and familiarize yourself with how we will be providing in person instruction this year. Our goal is to provide the best learning experience for our students in the safest learning environment – our school.

May God continue to bless our students, faculty, families and all who support our school.

Vaccines

- All eligible individuals 5 years of age and older are encouraged to get vaccinated.
- Vaccination information shared with the school from faculty, staff, parents, or students is confidential and will not be shared.

Masks/Face Coverings

Masks will be required to be worn as per the current CDC guidelines:

- If a student/staff member is exposed to someone with COVID-19 and the student/staff member has been boosted or completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months or completed the primary series of J&J within the last 2 months, he/she may return to school but will be required to wear a mask for 10 days. In households with multiple positives, the mask wearing period may be extended. If any symptoms develop during this timeframe, the individual should be kept home.
- If a student/staff member is exposed to someone with COVID-19 and the student/staff member has not been boosted or completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago or completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago, he/she will be quarantined for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days in school. In households with multiple positives, the mask wearing period may be extended. If any symptoms develop during this timeframe, the individual should be kept home.
- If a student/staff member tests positive, he/she must be isolated for five days and until symptoms improve and he/she is fever free, without the use of medicine for 24

hours. This will be followed with 5 days of strict mask use when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.

- Student/staff members must remain at home if symptoms are severe or if mask-wearing is not possible.
- Due to Federal Regulations, masking is still required on school buses.

Physical Distancing

- Classrooms will be arranged to afford at least 3 feet of physical distance or the greatest extent possible.
- Seating in the cafeteria will be altered to accommodate no one sitting across from a student or beside a student.

COVID Testing

- Any individuals who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be referred for COVID-19 testing.
- Rapid testing can be done within our school, by the school nurse, with a signed consent by the parent.

Isolation/Quarantine

- Whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days as both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus during that time.
- Students who must isolate/quarantine will be provided with classwork via either Google Classroom or Seesaw.

Reporting

• Parents should report positive COVID-19 cases to the school.

Other Mitigation Practices

Enhanced Cleaning

The school will increase the cleaning of common areas and highly used features such as doorknobs, handrails, and counters. Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school. With this enhanced cleaning, a safer environment can be established.

Monitoring Health

Every day, parents are primarily responsible for monitoring the health of their children. Teachers will be reminded to check the health of their students during a common activity. Additionally, the school will implement random temperature monitoring.

Health Guidelines

- Parents will self-assess students with the Covid-19 Checklist before sending them to school each morning.
- Faculty and Staff will self-assess using the Covid-19 Checklist daily.
- Staff and students will stay home if they have a fever of 100 °F or higher.
- Any staff member or student with a fever will stay home <u>until they have not had a</u>

fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine.

COVID-19 Checklist

Please stay home if you are experiencing:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Quarantine Room

- The Nurse's office will be the designated quarantine room.
- The maximum capacity will be two students.
- Students with possible symptoms will be sent to the Nurse's office.
- The nurse will check symptoms before a symptomatic student enters the room.
- If it is determined a symptomatic student needs to quarantine, the nurse will stay in the room and contact the parents.

- No other student will be permitted to enter the Nurse's office while a student with possible symptoms is being evaluated.
- The Nurse's office will be completely sanitized if a student with possible symptoms has been in the office.

Hand Hygiene

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands after using the bathroom and before and after eating.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom. Hand sanitizing stations will be located at the main entrance, the bus depot entrance and in the cafeteria.

Arrival/Dismissal by Car

- Procedures used for morning car drop off and afternoon car pick up will remain the same as last year.
- Each morning, cars will pull up by the Parish Center and will be greeted by school staff who will open the doors and direct them to the front door of the school.
- In the afternoon, cars will line up in the church parking lot. Each family will be assigned
 a family number that should be displayed in the front passenger window. Staff members
 will record family numbers from right to left using the lanes in the front of the school.
 Cars will be dismissed individually when students are safely in their car with seat belts
 on. Cars should wait for direction from a staff member before pulling out of their lane.

^{*}This is a working document and may need to be adjusted or changed based on new information or requirements set by the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Office of Catholic Education, or the Bucks County Department of Health.