



Guide for Returning to School

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Prayer & Introduction

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas –we who are put to the test –and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

Introduction

First, I would like to thank our parents, faculty, staff, and students who made our first attempt at distance/online learning successful this past spring. We could not have done it without the prayer, commitment, guidance, and support of our Joplin Catholic School Family! While certainly not ideal circumstances, you rose to the challenge and helped to support our student's ongoing learning.

As we look to begin another school year, we are working diligently to be prepared to face whatever challenges and unforeseen circumstances that may come our way. We will be implementing some new "best practices" that we believe will simply become part of the new "normal" in our schools.

The spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational well-being of our students is always first and foremost in our minds as we plan for the coming school year.

We are hopeful that we will be able to welcome our students back into our school buildings this fall. But we also realize that this is dependent upon the prevalence of the Covid-19 virus in our community. We will be working diligently alongside the Joplin Health Department, our Diocesan School Office, area public and private schools, together with our own school faculty and staff to make this goal a safe and productive reality. We realize that there may be times when we will need to revert to distance learning as we did last spring. Hopefully, this will not need to be for extended periods of time and may not need to be done system.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for the safety of all in our community, including each of your families. We also ask for your patience as there will likely be changes in routines and expectations as new guidelines, requirements, and recommendations are put forth by our local health agencies, government, and Diocese.

Sr Julie Brandt, SSND
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A Catholic Perspective

The Coronavirus pandemic creates many unknowns for us as we experience this reality. Living with such uncertainty can challenge our sense of faith and wellbeing both individually and collectively as a community. This time also provides us with an opportunity to consider what the Catholic faith teaches about life and health and the well-being of community.

- ✚ The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and the dignity of the human person is the foundation for the moral vision of society. As we consider the coronavirus we need to promote practices and guidelines that respect the dignity of all persons, especially those who are most vulnerable to this illness such as the elderly and those with other chronic conditions that put them at greater risk. Our care for others calls us to be mindful of others needs as we establish practices and protocols for a return to school.
- ✚ In our Catholic faith, we believe that we are One Body with Christ. As One Body, we are called to care for all as members of the community. This community includes not only those who live and work near us or share the same faith but the entire human race. As such, Catholics are called to embrace the Common Good of society in their actions and decision making. *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World) teaches, “Christians must be conscious of their specific and proper role in the political community; they should be a shining example by their sense of responsibility and their dedication to the common good; they should show in practice how authority can be reconciled with freedom, personal initiative with solidarity and the needs of the social framework as a whole, and the advantages of unity with the benefits of diversity.” This call to the common good may invite us to make personal sacrifices to live in community.
- ✚ During a time of crisis or uncertainty, we can experience fear and anxiety. These responses are natural reactions to the reality. At the same time, as people of faith, we are called to trust in the providential care of our loving God. St. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Philippians to “have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. (4:6) In faith, we entrust our cares and concerns to our loving God.

As we do prepare for the new school year, we do so with diligence in planning and trust in the love of our God for us. We believe that the planning and preparations we have made to begin the new school year will serve as a guide and assist us in providing a safe place for students to learn.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, Hope for the Sick, pray for us.
Saint Marco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.



Health & Safety

Although at some point COVID-19 will become a distant memory, until we have a vaccine developed to help eradicate it, we need to plan to minimize its impact upon our educational endeavors. We strive to have in place a plan to implement this fall and for any future possibilities. It is a living document and thus will continue to be updated as we discover what “best practices” are truly able to be implemented and used effectively.

As we plan, we will:

- Continue to follow guidance from the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and our Superintendent of Schools.
- Continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Joplin and Jasper County Health Departments.
- Continue to collaborate with local public and private schools.
- Implement plans to mitigate the risk of resurgence of the virus and other sicknesses.
- Encourage self-assessment and monitoring of symptoms.
- Continue wellness education.
- Be cognizant to protect those who are at the highest risk for severe illness.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Recommendations for Mitigating Risk of Transmissions

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Know how it spreads:

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.



Face Coverings

- Wear face masks to prevent the spread of the virus through being in proximity while speaking, coughing, sneezing. Research shows that COVID-19 can be spread by those who lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and even by those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”).
- All individuals working in and/or visiting our schools will be asked to wear face masks as they enter and move about the school. Once in a place where social distancing can be maintained, they may be able to remove their mask.
- Two JACS face masks will be provided for each student and staff member. Additional JACS masks may be purchased. Specific guidelines for other face coverings will be set for each school building.

Social Distancing

- We will practice social distancing within classrooms and other areas of the school. When social distancing is not possible, face masks will be required. We will follow the American Association of Pediatrics suggestion that student desks be placed 3 to 6 feet apart
 - Stay at least 3 to 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people
 - Do not gather in groups unless wearing face coverings.
- Floor cues, wall signs, and verbal reminders of social distancing will be used when and where appropriate.
- Our schools will be following the guidelines of the Joplin Health Department and Jasper County Health Department to allow for proper social distancing as possible in classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, sport practices, etc.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette



We will be encouraging students and staff to wash their hands frequently. Best Practices will be encouraged:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water is not readily available. Ample hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the school.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- Students and staff will be reminded to cover coughs and sneezes.
- Handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer will be advised after coughs or sneezes.

Wall signs and verbal reminders will be used when appropriate to remind everyone of proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Health Precautions at School

- Each school will have additional supplies (like face masks, thermometers, disinfectant wipes, etc.) available to reduce risk of transmission of illness.
- Each school is designating a location to be a holding area in case a student is suspected of having COVID-19 or another serious illness so they do not further expose other students to their illness as they await being picked up from school.

Disinfecting and Sanitation Plan

- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Regular disinfection of all areas of the school will be done.
- Dirty surfaces will be cleaned with detergent/soap prior to disinfection.

Symptom Monitoring and Self-Assessment

- **Be alert for symptoms.** We ask parents to monitor the health of their child(ren) each day. It is important to screen your child(ren) for symptoms (not attributed to other conditions, i.e., allergies may cause congestion, asthma may cause shortness of breath) at home, prior to coming to school. In addition, all staff members will be expected to do the same type of symptom monitoring each day. Symptoms of the Coronavirus include:
 - Fever (at or above 100.4) or chills
 - Cough
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - New runny nose or congestion
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Sore throat
 - Close contact with a person with Covid-19 in the last 14 days
- If a student or staff member has a fever, or two or more of the other symptoms they should remain home from school until symptoms clear up. In addition, students/staff who may be vomiting or have diarrhea should not be in school.
- (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>)
- Students or staff who have an elevated fever that requires them to be at home will need to be fever free without medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

In addition to monitoring for symptoms at home, the schools will conduct health checks (including temperature checks) of all students and staff daily.

Safeguarding Against Other Illness

The Joplin Health Department is strongly encouraging individuals who are able, to get the influenza shot this year. By reducing the likelihood of getting the seasonal flu, the impact of the COVID-19 virus may also be minimized if someone were to be infected.

Procedure for On-Site School Outbreak

The Joplin Area Catholic School System will be working closely with the Joplin Health Department and/or Jasper County Health Department to determine a responsible and appropriate course of action should a break-out of COVID-19 or another sickness occur at one or more of our school buildings.

Reporting Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

- In the event that a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 or a member of their family household tests positive, we would expect that the school be notified and that individual remain at home or in the hospital until cleared by the health department to return to school.
- In addition, the health department may inform us of a positive COVID-19 case.
- When a positive COVID-19 case is determined within our school community, we will be working with the health department to determine the need for others to be quarantined, etc.

Self- Quarantine and Exposure to COVID-19

- Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. This includes people who previously had COVID-19 and people who have taken a serologic (antibody) test and have antibodies to the virus.

What counts as close contact?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Steps to take:

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Watch for fever (100.4 or higher), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

Return to School After Exclusion

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment; they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC and the local Health Department.

Current guidelines are:

1. If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or has reasonable belief that they have had COVID-19, and *has had symptoms*, they may return to school after:
 - 3 days with no fever **AND**
 - Symptoms improved **AND**
 - Approved by local health department (typically 10 to 14 days after symptoms first appeared)

2. If an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 but *had no symptoms*, they may return to school:
If they continue to have no symptoms **AND**
10 days have passed since test
3. Depending upon your healthcare provider's advice and availability of testing, you might get tested to see if you still have COVID-19. If you will be tested, you can be around others after you receive two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart.

Students may also return if they are approved to do so, in writing, by the student's health care provider.

Siblings or Other Students/Employees in the Household

If a student or staff member is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive COVID-19 test, his or her siblings or other students/employees living in the same household will also be excluded from school.

Travel to Known COVID-19 Hotspot States

Anyone visiting a current COVID-19 hot spot may be required to self-quarantine for a period of time before being allowed back on school property. This may require staff to utilize sick days, vacation days or short-term leave. Please use the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) map of hot spots to help determine if their travel takes them to a current hot spot. States at the highest levels of current cases qualify as a hot spot.

These guidelines are subject to change at the direction of the local health authorities.

Learning from Home During Quarantine Times

If students need to be away from school, they will be able to participate in distance learning opportunities.

Significant Outbreak of COVID-19 in School Community

If it is determined that a significant number of students and/or staff have developed the COVID-19 virus at a given time, the school may need to resort to distance learning for a set period. During such a closure, the school(s) would undergo a deep cleaning prior to resumption of classes.



Academics & Student Success

Most specifics for academics will be addressed in the School Site Specific Plans.

Instructional Plan

We head into the school year with the intention of on-site learning taking place in our school buildings. We most likely would only resort to total distance/online learning if required to do so by the governor, city/county health department, and/or our Bishop.

Special attention will be given to both making sure students are ready academically to proceed with a new school year and to programs that will enhance social emotional learning and well-being.

Classroom Social Distancing

As we begin the new school year, we will attempt to allow for social distancing to the best of our abilities. Students will most likely be sitting at separate desks in straight rows facing forward towards the front of the classroom. We will minimize shared supplies that cannot be easily sanitized between users. Floor cues as well as wall signs and verbal reminders will help students observe proper social distancing.

Technology

The Joplin Area Catholic Schools System is working to provide technology resources to assist in learning. Our middle and high school students will be issued a Chromebook device for their use and will receive instruction at the beginning of the year regarding the use of Google Classroom

All teachers utilize a variety of appropriate technologies to enhance the learning experience.

Distance Learning

If instruction is to be administered completely online at any given time, the school system will send out an updated explanation of how we would proceed. The fourth quarter from this last school year brought to our attention a lot of “dos” and “don’ts”. The priority would first be on the core classes (as it pertains to each grade level). We also realize the need to make use of textbooks when possible to alleviate the strain for those who may have minimal or no internet access. To make the distance/online instruction manageable, the number of assignments per subject would likely be reduced, but expectations would remain high. Allowing for a variety of ways student work can be submitted is important as well as utilizing frequent and varied formative assessment methods.

Our principals and teachers will create ways to maintain the school community with their students. They will work to maintain daily rituals, invite families to take part in virtual prayer activities, and other communal experiences appropriate to a Catholic School.

Movement of Individuals in the School Building

Health department recommendations are encouraging minimal movement of individuals within the school buildings. Because of this, at times teachers may be asked to switch rooms instead of students. Certain group activities may be restructured to involve less movement especially if it originally involved mixing of students in different classrooms. Principals may set in place specific patterns of traveling throughout the school so that fewer students will cross paths or gather in any given area. Details will be ironed out as we live into this reality. Please be patient with us as we try to do this.

Grading for Distance Learning

If we need to move to distance learning at any time (either as a whole school or smaller cohorts of students) we will use our current grading system for core classes to maintain both consistency and academic rigor. However, the number of assignments given, number of grades recorded, and expectations for given assignments may be altered to accommodate various needs and to allow for a student success.



Gatherings & Events

Mass

How Mass is celebrated will largely be dictated by the directions of Bishop Rice and under the guidance of our local pastors. Presently, Communion will be received only under the species of the Precious Body and the Sign of Peace will not be physically extended. Depending on the suggestions of the Joplin Health Department, the number of students present for any given Mass may vary.

Cafeteria

All workers will wear gloves while on duty with special attention being given to handwashing and sanitizing surfaces and utensils used in food preparation. Appropriate plastic guards will be in place to separate the food from those being served. There will be more prepared and pre-boxed options available. Pre-packaged items will also be available. Plastic utensils may be utilized as deemed appropriate. Disinfecting the tables between each lunch period will be standard. Additional lunch periods will be added at each school to limit the number of students gathered at any given time.

Recess

Getting outdoors and/or having unorganized free time is healthy for younger students and a beneficial way to practice Christian cooperation, compassion, and community. However, as we begin our new school year, we will be modifying the number of students out on a playground at one time. In addition, we will provide classroom sets of playground equipment and sanitizing these items between use.

Assemblies/Concerts/Programs

It is important to celebrate our students' successes, to share group learning activities at times utilizing outside speakers, and to share our students' talents through various performances. What these group experiences look like will depend on the up-to-date requirements and suggestions of the Joplin Health Department as well as our Diocesan guidelines. Social distancing, the wearing of face masks, and frequent disinfecting of surfaces and equipment will be employed to provide the safest, educational experience we can offer. If situations warrant it, assemblies, concerts, and/or programs will be postponed or cancelled to assure, to the best of our ability, the safety of all participants.

Extra-Curricular Athletics

The High School Principal and Athletic Director are working closely with the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), the Ozark 7 Conference teams, and our Joplin Health Department to provide a safe, educational, and fun environment in which our students may competitively engage in sport activities. As the time for each sport season gets underway, our Athletic Director and coaches will be in contact with parents and students to inform them of any new practices and requirements. St. Peter's Catholic Middle School or McAuley Catholic High School will be using during the season. A focus on social distancing where able and disinfecting equipment frequently will be a regular expectation. Specific adjustments regarding travel, locker room use, attendance of spectators at games, etc., will be announced as information is known.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Other student clubs and activities will be permitted to take place as long as social distancing and other health guidelines can be maintained.

A Parent Permission and Waiver of Liability for Student Participation in Extra-Curriculars will be required to be signed prior to a student being allowed to participate in Extra-Curricular activities.



School Site Specific Plans

St. Mary's Early Childhood

Morning Arrival

- Students may be dropped off at the early childhood entrance by parents beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located outside of the early childhood entrance for student and staff use.
- Early childhood parents may walk their child up the front sidewalk and say goodbye before an EC staff member walks the child into the building for morning check-in. Parents may also drop their child off curbside at the EC entrance with the help of a staff member or a 5th grade Safety Patrol member.
- Although parents/guardians are asked to monitor their child's temperature at home, staff members will do a wellness check of students as they arrive as well.
- All volunteers and visitors must enter through the main school entrance. They will be checked upon entering the building and masks will be worn as directed.

Classroom-Social Distancing

- Carpet time will be limited unless space is possible. Students will sit in assigned seats and will be spaced as possible. Extra tables and furniture will be removed to allow for safe distancing and clean surfaces. Items will be sanitized throughout the school day and each evening.
- Soft surfaces such as pillows, stuffed animals, foam items, etc. will be removed from the classrooms. Students should not bring stuffed animals or other items from home.
- Individual supplies will be utilized as much as possible and daily disinfecting of shared supplies will be a priority.
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing will be done throughout the school day and as students enter/exit classrooms.
- Water fountains will no longer be operational in classrooms or in hallways. Each student may bring a self-sealing water bottle (sippy cup for Early Learner students) that will be refilled during the school day. Water bottles and sippy cups will be sent home each day to be washed and sent back to school the next day.

Recess

- Students will either go outside with their own class or with their assigned cohort group during recess.
- Each class will have designated recess items which will be disinfected after each recess. These items will include playground balls and any other materials that can be wiped down/sprayed easily. Please do not allow your child to bring items from home to play with at recess.

- Students and staff members will use hand sanitizer before re-entering the school after each recess.
- In the case of rain, cold weather, etc., each class will remain in their classroom for indoor recess.

Lunch

- Early childhood students who stay full days will have lunch in their classrooms.
- Visitors will not be able to join students for lunch until further notice to provide adequate spacing and safety precautions.

Dismissal Plans

- Early childhood students leaving at 11:00 a.m. will be picked up from the north sidewalk that is accessible from the gravel fire lane. This allows staff to use walkie talkies to notify when a parent pulls up. An additional staff member will release the child from the east facing door by the back playground and the child will be walked to their parent's car. Parents will secure their child into their car seat.
- If a parent arranges for someone other than a registered parent/guardian to pick up their child from school, the office must be notified during the school day and proper identification will be required before a child is released.

St. Mary's Elementary School

Morning Arrival

- Students may be dropped off at the main school entrance by parents beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located outside the main entrance for student and staff use.
- Elementary parents may either walk their child up to the front entrance of the school and say goodbye to their child or drop their child off curbside for a Safety Patrol member to assist in entering the school. All students must be wearing a cotton face mask before entering the school.
- Students arriving 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. will report to early morning care and go outside through the south Commons doors. Hand sanitizing stations will be used by each student and staff member before re-entering the school.
- Wellness checks (including temperature checks) of students will be done as students arrive at their classroom each morning.
- Morning Prayer and Pledge will be done over the intercom instead of all K-5th graders gathering in the Commons. The sponsoring class for the month will have two students each day say Prayer, Pledge, and any morning announcements over the school intercom.
- All volunteers and visitors will be checked upon entering the building and masks will be worn as directed.

Classroom- Social Distancing

- Social distancing practices within the classroom will be established and maintained.
- Students will have assigned seats in the classroom. Students will be seated in forward facing desks. Extra tables, furniture, and soft surfaces will be removed to allow for safe distancing and clean surfaces.
- Students will limit personal belongings brought to school each day to those that are essential. Toys, extra supplies, etc. should not be brought to school and will be sent home.
- Individual supplies will be utilized as much as possible and daily disinfecting of shared supplies will be a priority.
- Hand washing and hand sanitizing will be done throughout the school day and as students enter/exit classrooms.
- Water fountains will no longer be operational in classrooms or in hallways. Each student may bring a self-sealing water bottle that will be refilled during the school day. Water bottles and will be sent home each day to be washed and sent back to school the next day.

Movement of Individuals in School Building

- When moving from place to place within the building, students and staff will be expected to wear face masks.
- Shared teachers will move to classrooms to teach if and when appropriate.

Mass

- Students will attend Mass once a week at St. Mary Catholic Church. Hand sanitizing stations will be utilized prior to and returning from the church.
- Protocol for Mass will be dictated by the Diocese and the local pastors.

Cafeteria

- Elementary grades will wear facemasks to the cafeteria as this is a time of transition within the school, and students will remove their masks once they sit down at their assigned lunch spot.
- Visitors will not be able to join students for lunch until further notice to provide adequate spacing and safety precautions.
- Elementary students will be divided into 3 lunch and recess cohorts:
 - K and 1st grades: Lunch from 10:45 to 11:10 a.m., with recess following from 11:10 until 11:40 a.m.
 - Table sanitizing from 11:10 to 11:20 a.m.
 - 2nd and 3rd grades: Lunch from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m., with recess following from 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
 - Table sanitizing from 11:40 to 11:50 a.m.
 - 4th and 5th grades: Lunch from 11:50 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Recess

- Students will either go outside with their own class or with their assigned cohort group during recess. When more than one class is outside for recess at a time, classes will have separate play areas on the playground. For example, if Kindergarten and 1st grade are out for recess, Kindergarten will stay in the north area of the playground and 1st grade will stay in the south area of the playground.
- Each class will have a mesh laundry bag with recess items in them, which will be disinfected after each recess. These items will include playground balls and any other materials that can be wiped down/sprayed easily. Please do not allow your child to bring items from home to play with at recess.
- Students and staff will use hand sanitizer before re-entering the school after each recess.
- In the case of rain, cold weather, etc., each class will remain in their classroom for indoor recess.

Dismissal

- All St. Mary's students will be picked up at dismissal time through a car line system. Parents will be given laminated last name cards to show staff as they pull up to their car line area. Staff members helping with dismissal will have walkie talkies, read the name to a teacher inside, and the student will be sent outside to get in their parent's vehicle. Parents will secure their child into their car seat, booster, or seat belt.
- Afternoon dismissal will consist of 2 pick-up areas on the St. Mary's campus, to allow dismissal to run as smoothly, quickly, and safely as possible. Students will be arranged in 2 groups alphabetically (A-N and O-Z for example) by last name and classroom aides and specials teachers will help me with dismissal each day. The pick-up areas:
 - St. Mary's School Main Entrance
 - East Parish Parking Lot
- If a parent arranges for someone other than a registered parent/guardian to pick up their child from school, the office must be notified during the school day and proper identification will be required before a child is released.

St. Peter's Middle School and McAuley High School

Arrival and Dismissal from School Day

- Students can start entering the building at 7:30 a.m.
- Upon arriving for the school day, ALL students will enter through the North Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) doors.
- The parking lot will be sectioned off for student driver parking and student drop off. If you are dropping off a student, they will not exit your car until they are in front of the MPR doors.
- Students will proceed through a screening including a temperature check and symptom checklist.
- Students will remain in the MPR until the first bell rings.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the building and until they are seated in their 1st period class.
- Teacher supervision will be scheduled at the door and throughout the MPR to assure and remind students to social distance.

Classroom – social distancing

- Desks will be positioned in each classroom to social distance students.
- Classrooms have been decluttered to make more room for the spacing of student desks.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Hand sanitizer will be at every classroom door.
- Each classroom will be provided with sanitizing supplies to wipe down furniture after each use.
- Classroom windows will be opened whenever possible.

Movement of Individuals in School Building

- Students will be required to wear masks during transition times.
- McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's students will have two separate transition times to limit the number of students moving throughout the building at one time.
- Signage will be used to force direction of students traveling between classrooms.

Cafeteria

- Staggered lunch times will be added to ensure social distancing at lunch.
- Lunches will be served to students at cafeteria tables. We will not have a student lunch line.
- Sanitizer is available for students to clean hands before and after lunch.
- The Grotto area will be utilized when weather permits.
- Tables will be sanitized between lunch periods.
- Meals will be pre-boxed.
- Plastic utensils and plates will be utilized.
- Dismissal of students from the cafeteria will be staggered.

Mass

- Students will attend Mass once a week at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.
- Protocol for Mass will be dictated by the Diocese and the local pastors.