# All Saints Catholic School



# Fall 2021 School EC-8 Reopening Plan

\*\*Please Note: The All Saints Catholic School Early Childhood Program
has a separate plan due to licensing requirements.

\*\*\*Note that CDC, State of Michigan, and Archdiocese of Detroit guidelines and requirements
may change based on changes in local health conditions.

This document may be modified to reflect changing recommendations.

#### Vaccination

- The Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) does not require vaccination against COVID-19 for students and employees, but strongly encourages staff and eligible students to vaccinate themselves against COVID-19.
- School employees and eligible students may be required to provide proof
  of their vaccination status to determine appropriate quarantine measures,
  if they are in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case.

#### Personal Protective Equipment

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Archdiocese of Detroit, and Wayne County Health Department strongly recommends all individuals wear masks indoors to reduce exposure to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. At this time and given current health conditions, All Saints will be requiring all its staff and students to wear masks while indoors effective Monday, August 30, 2021-Friday, October 1, 2021.
- All Saint's masking policy will continue to be reevaluated during this time based on the following factors:
  - Any new mandates from local or state agencies regarding masking in schools
  - The number of All Saint student quarantines that were avoided due to the masking exception (see quarantine guidelines)
  - o Any concerns regarding in-school COVID-19 transmission rates
  - o Changes to current risk level of local COVID-19 transmission
  - Number of COVID-19 positive cases among students and staff

#### Hygiene

- We will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels in the bathrooms). Signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques will be posted throughout the building.
- Teachers will limit sharing of all personal items and supplies. All supplies will be clearly labeled with student names.
- We will provide multiple opportunities for handwashing with soap and water throughout the day.

#### Spacing, Movement and Access

- Desks will be spaced 3-6 ft. apart in classrooms whenever possible.
- The use of physical barriers, such as plexiglass shields, is no longer recommended, per CDC.
- Teachers will maintain seating charts with assigned student seats as much

- as possible to assist with contract tracing when necessary.
- A log of all visitors and parent volunteers entering and exiting the building will be kept.
- Parents dropping off items will be asked to leave them in the vestibule area at the front entrance to be retrieved by office staff.
- Sick students and early dismissal students will be escorted to the door as necessary.
- Staff/adults leading clubs and after school activities will keep a dated sign-in sheet with the names and grades of all students/individuals present to assist with possible contract tracing when necessary.

## Responding to Positive Tests Among Students and Staff

- We will cooperate with the local public health department if a
  confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, and collect the notification
  information for any close contacts of the affected individual from two
  days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was
  last present at the school.
- We will notify local health officials, staff, and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws. The local health department will initiate contact tracing.

## Screening/Testing Protocols for Students and Staff

- Parents/guardians should monitor their children for symptoms of illness and COVID-19 everyday through home-based symptom screening.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should stay home and consider COVID-19 testing if symptoms of COVID-19 are present. The presence of any symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, should prompt the family to keep the student home from school and to follow up with a primary care provider.
- The nurse's office will continue to serve as a quarantine area to care for students who become ill at school. While in the nurse's office, students showing signs of illness will be provided a mask.
- Staff members will monitor their health for symptoms of infectious illness every day. Staff who are sick will remain at home and seek medical care when necessary.

#### **Quarantine Guidelines:**

- Families will be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.
- In the event of a laboratory clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts will be made to notify close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes in close proximity less than 6 ft. from the student or staff member) regarding any quarantine requirements based on current health department guidelines.
- Current Self-Quarantine Guidelines as of 8/24/21 are as follows:
  - 1. Individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case will be required to self-quarantine for ten (10) days. If the individual is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after ten (10) days, they must continue to self-quarantine until they are completely free of COVID-19 symptoms.
  - 2. Close contacts that provide proof of a negative test taken on days 5-7 of their self-quarantine and can return to school at that time.
- Exceptions to Self-Quarantine Requirements:

No self-quarantine period is required for close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case in the school setting when an individual is and <u>remains asymptomatic and</u> one of the following applies:

- 1. Within the past three (3) months the close contact can provide proof of a positive, confirmatory COVID (PCR) test; OR
- 2. Fourteen (14) days have passed since the close contact was vaccinated with the second dose of either Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID -19 vaccine; OR
- 3. The potential exposure to COVID-19 occurred in the classroom while both the positive COVID-19 case and close contact were masked and maintained at least three (3) feet of physical distance.

#### Mass

• School Masses will continue to be held on Tuesdays. The class preparing the liturgical Mass that week will attend Mass in the school chapel. All other students will have weekly Mass live-streamed to their classrooms.

#### **Lunch Protocols**

- Lunch times will be staggered to allow for greater social distancing.
- Students will eat in the multipurpose room. Students will be spaced apart as far as possible.
- Parents/guests will not be able to join students for lunch.

#### Cleaning

- Student desks will be wiped down by staff before classroom exchanges and frequently in self-contained classrooms.
- The library, gym, and multipurpose room will undergo cleaning after every class period.

#### Safety Expectations for Parents

- Students will bring individual hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to school.
- Parents are to monitor their students for symptoms of infections. If illness is detected, the child must stay home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours or cleared by a doctor.

#### Mental and Social-Emotional Health

- All Saints will foster an environment of Christian charity and respect others' decisions regarding use of masks and vaccination status.
  - School staff will continue to monitor the mental, social, academic, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all students and fellow-staff, providing intervention, assistance, and support when needed.

#### **Busing and Transportation**

 According to federal guidelines, all individuals using public busing are required to wear masks. Please see the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools busing guidelines for more information.

#### Arrival and Dismissal Plans

- Morning Arrival: Grades K-3 will be dropped off in the front loop. Grades 4-8 will
  utilize the back loop. Homeroom teachers will be in classrooms to greet students
  as they arrive. Administration, the enrichment team, specials teachers, and
  support staff will assist with arrival procedures.
- Afternoon Dismissal: Grades K-3 will dismiss in the front loop. Grades 4-8 will utilize the back loop. First hall siblings will be dismissed to the back loop. Students will be waiting with their siblings/carpool in their designated spot outside the doors. To encourage social distancing, students will be asked to stay in place until their car has pulled forward. Parents are asked to place name cards in the passenger car window to help staff members identify cars more efficiently.
- To allow for social distancing and limit potential exposure at arrival and

dismissal, we will not be allowing parents to park in the Resurrection lot and walk up to the building to drop off or collect their children. We are asking all parents to utilize the loop traffic system.

All playgrounds will be closed during dismissal and after school.

#### **Athletics**

- At this time, there are no COVID-19 related restrictions or requirements for athletics.
- All Saints will comply with any updated guidance published by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).