



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the principals, teachers and staff members of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Memphis, we are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school for the 2020-2021 academic year. We remain committed to the spiritual, academic, and social-emotional formation of your child; and to providing a safe and loving environment for all of our students.

I am attaching our Catholic Schools Re-Entry Plan which addresses many considerations for the safety of our students, teachers and school personnel. I am very grateful to the Diocesan Transition Committee, and our Catholic School principals, teachers and parents, who were instrumental in the development of this plan. The plan was formalized with the utmost intent to protect the health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff members, and follows the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Shelby County Health Department.

The Catholic Schools Re-Entry Plan formulates three different zones for re-entry to our schools in August. We will continue to monitor the health considerations set forth by the CDC and determine which zone will be followed as we get closer to our school reopening date.

May God continue to bless our students and families with His grace and guidance.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools



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Green Zone

All Students on Campus

(Mild Transmission)

Students will attend regular classes. Some restrictions may be implemented to ensure the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff.

- Increased sanitation protocol
- Education on good hygiene
- Frequent breaks to wash hands
- Healthy social distancing
- Minimal sharing of supplies
- Provide social emotional learning opportunities

Yellow Zone

Students on Campus

(Moderate Transmission)

Students are on campus with social distancing restrictions. All Green Zone restrictions plus the following.

- Temperature taken at arrival and screening questions answered
- Social distancing-6 feet
- Faculty/staff/students wear masks

Red Zone

Remote Learning

(High Transmission)

Transmission of COVID-19 has escalated and the health department requires the campus to be closed. All students will participate in asynchronous or synchronous remote learning. Extracurricular activities will be cancelled.

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Schools within the Diocese of Memphis are monitoring the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Shelby County Health Department, and the City of Memphis guidelines. All schools will develop pandemic safety policies to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Individual school plans will be modified to meet the needs of each campus.

- ***Social Distancing***

- *Staggered arrival and dismissal times*
- *Use of multiple designated entry/exit points within the school*
- *Socially distant seating arrangements, within the classroom*
- *Use of transparent plexiglass dividers on desks, if necessary*
- *Parents and visitors restricted to school office or outdoors*
- *Teachers will move from classroom to classroom, not the students*
- *Movement of students throughout the day will be organized to decrease crossed paths and increase social distancing in common areas*
- *Students will not share books or supplies*
- *No common area for lunch/box lunch option will be available*
- *Increased outside breaks for students throughout the day*
- *Students will bring personal water bottles, there will be no shared use of water fountains*
- *Possible blended or remote learning for older students*
- *Assemblies and Masses will only be held if social distancing requirements are met*
- *Field trips postponed*

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- ***Health and Hygiene***
 - *Faculty/staff/student temperatures will be taken and COVID related questions answered daily prior to entering the building*
 - *Faculty/staff wear masks*
 - *Students wear masks according to Health Department guidelines*
 - *Increased scheduled breaks to wash hands*
 - *Added hand sanitation stations throughout the campus*
 - *Increased education on hygiene and best practices for health and safety*
 - *Provide increased Social Emotional Learning (SEL) opportunities to students*
- ***Sanitation Protocol***
 - *Increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched areas within the classroom throughout the day using EPA-approved disinfectant*
 - *Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic/public surfaces including restrooms, countertops, door handles, handrails, and keyboards using EPA-approved disinfectant*
- ***Remote Learning***
 - *Schoolwide learning platforms, such as Google Classroom, will be utilized*
 - *Remote learning option will be available for students when necessary*
 - *Families will be asked to refrain from travel to hot spot areas as indicated by the CDC, if they so choose, remote learning will be available during the 14-day self quarantine period*
 - *Schools will integrate asynchronous or synchronous distance learning to students*