



Catholic Schools Office

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Reopening Plan for 2021-22 school year

The following reopening plan will apply to the 2021-22 school year for all schools in the Diocese of Owensboro. The plan is subject to change by Gubernatorial or Presidential Executive Order, Legislative action, CDC and/or Health Department regulations, and/or KDE mandated changes. If any of these become applicable, the plan will be modified accordingly.

Our goal is to create an environment that provides an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff to the greatest extent possible.

General precautions within our diocese

- Masks may be worn anytime a student is under the care of a diocesan school, if the family/individual chooses.
 - ✦ Community health and safety data will be monitored and if COVID-19 positive cases increase inside a classroom, a school, and/or across the diocese, decisions to require mask-wearing will be adjusted accordingly.
- Masks should be provided by the school if anyone requires one.
- Field Trips will resume as necessary and maintain an instructional focus.
- Competition trips will resume as necessitated by scheduling/season.
- To the greatest extent possible, a minimum 3-foot social distance will be in place.
 - ✦ Classrooms will be accommodated as much as can be reasonably expected.
- Classroom rosters and seating charts will be kept and maintained for all students for contact tracing purposes.
- Sharing materials among students will continue to be minimized.
- Visitors to the buildings will be limited to those that have an essential instructional/vendor function.
- Strongly encourage frequent hand-washing and hygiene practices.
- Maintain wide availability of hand sanitizer.
- Maintain COVID-19 cleaning protocols put in place during the height of the pandemic.
- Continue Contact Tracing protocols as prescribed by your local health department.

- Maintain availability of health personnel inside schools when possible. Screening for COVID-19 will be done if the necessity to do so is determined by school leadership.
- Parents will play a vital role in our reopening success and are requested to screen their students before allowing them to leave for school and/or get on a bus. It is essential that parents understand the necessity of screening their students for COVID symptoms before allowing them to attend school.
 - ✦ Students with a temperature 100.4 should remain home and parents should contact their school regarding the symptoms. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before being allowed to return to school.
- Buses shall be cleaned and sanitized utilizing the appropriate cleaning measures as directed by the CDC and local health departments.
- Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine in the event of a positive contact.