



# St. John the Baptist Re-Opening Plan 2020-2021

## Introduction

- **St. John the Baptist School is intending to return to school with all students attending 5 full days a week beginning August 19th, 2020.**
- The intent of this document is to provide an overview of our re-opening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The following plan is subject to change based on new information about COVID19 and/or new guidelines released by the State, ODE, the Archdiocese, Hamilton County Health Department, or other Federal organizations.
  - St. John's will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
  - St. John's will work closely with the Hamilton County Department of Health to promote safety in each school building.
  - St. John's will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school employees occupy school facilities.

## Communications when student/staff has been diagnosed with COVID19

- Communication will be developed by the Hamilton County Health Department, not the school. A common template will be developed to include the following:
  - Specify to parents which classroom the confirmed case was in. Privacy will be respected and no names of students or staff members with COVID19 will be made public with the exception of the Hamilton County Health Department.
  - The school will cooperate with the Hamilton County Health Department's work in social tracing.
  - 14-day quarantine will be required of any student who tests positive with COVID19 and anyone who is determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Hamilton County Health Department.
  - The Hamilton County Health Department will write a letter for the school to use and the letter will explain/define what is considered "exposure" to Covid19 that will result in quarantine.
  - If a student or staff member has COVID19 like symptoms, while at school, they will be checked by the nurse and quarantined until a parent can pick up the child.
- If a student is diagnosed with COVID19 or anyone determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Hamilton County Health Department, assignments will be provided for students to complete at home during the time from school.



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### **Student health issues that are not diagnosed as COVID19**

- The duration of home stay for a child with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 24 hours AND improvement of all other symptoms for 24 hours. A temperature of 100°F or higher is considered a fever.
- To return to school the child must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse.

### **Food Service/Cafeteria**

- We will be offering food service daily.
- No self service. No microwaves. Students will sanitize their hands before lunch.
- 50% capacity with social distancing and seated by homeroom.
- Tables/benches sanitized between lunch groups.
- Masks will be required of students in 3rd-8th grade when in line or moving around the cafeteria.
- Following physical distancing guidelines as much as possible when in line and in the serving areas in the cafeteria.
- Follow signage in the hallways, common areas and restrooms.
- Bulk snacks must be wrapped and the teacher will hand out. Students may still bring a snack from home to eat during snack time.
- Birthday treats should be prepackaged, factory sealed and passed out by the teacher or please consider a non-food treat.



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## Classroom Occupancy/Instruction

- 2 students per locker max
- Individual desks will be used by all students. Desks will be distanced with the maximum amount of space between as size of classroom permits.
- No sharing of school supplies, materials or other classroom resources without proper sanitation between uses.
- Chairs and desks will be sanitized between classes of different students.
- Location of special area classes will vary between general education classrooms and specialized classrooms in order to reduce mobility between buildings.
- All staff members will wear a mask/face shield within 6 feet of any student.
- **Masks/face shields for Preschool-2nd Grade:** Masks/face shields are recommended for students in preschool-2nd grade. Masks/face shields are required for preschool-2nd grade for small group or one-on-one instruction. Masks are required if using Southwest Transportation.
- **Masks/face shields for 3rd-8th grade:** Masks/face shields are required for students in 3rd-8th grade when entering, exiting, and moving around the classroom, in the hallways, in the restrooms, and when in line or moving around the cafeteria. Wearing a mask/face shield is required when working in small groups or one-on-one with a staff member. Masks/face shields are recommended when seated at an individual desk or seated in the cafeteria with proper distancing protocols in place. Masks/face shields are optional for recess and physical education class when outside. Masks are required if using Southwest Transportation.
- Parents should supply their child with a mask/shield. These should be school appropriate and non-distracting to the learning environment. If you can't provide a child with a mask, there will be disposable masks available.
- Students will sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the classroom, before lunch and after recess and more frequent hand washing throughout the day.
- Students should carry a water bottle as water fountains will only be available for bottle-filling purposes.
- When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs.
- Classroom doors will remain open to maximize airflow and reduce the number of touches to the door handles.
- Follow all signage in the hallways, classrooms, common areas, and restrooms.



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## Visitors/Volunteers/Parties/Field trips

- No field trips or school assemblies will be permitted.
- Visitors and volunteers will be very limited. All visitors/volunteers MUST report to the main office to have their temperature taken and a mask must be worn.
- Classroom parties will occur on a limited basis and modified from past years in order to ensure the health and safety of your child. No parent volunteers will be permitted at classroom parties.

## Southwest Transportation

- St. John's will adhere to and follow any guidelines given by Southwest for transporting students including the following:
  - Masks are required when riding Southwest busing.
  - Parents/guardians or designee must be present at the bus stop with students.
  - In the event of a fever or other exhibited symptoms, the child will not be permitted to board the bus.
  - Students with temperatures of 100°F or higher should stay home.
  - Sit two students per seat on the bus and sit in your assigned seat.
  - Remain seated, facing forward while riding the bus.

## Arrival and Dismissal

- Upon arrival to school, students and staff will have their temperature taken before entering school. If anyone's temperature is 100°F or higher they will be sent home.
- Students should report directly to their classrooms upon arriving at school. No visiting other classrooms.
- At dismissal, bus riders will remain in their classroom until their bus arrives and then will be dismissed.
- Car riders will be dismissed by grade level. Please be patient as dismissal may take a little longer than usual as we become accustomed to this new routine.



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## Recess

- Recess will take place daily while making every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures.
- The number of students at recess at one time will be reduced by 50%.
- Playground equipment may be limited and activities that are “high touch” may be restricted.
- Students will sanitize their hands after recess.

## Cleaning and Sanitation of School

- Desks and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.
- Frequent sanitizing of high touch areas throughout the day:
  - Handrails
  - Door handles
  - Bathrooms
  - Computers(if shared)
  - Books (if shared)
- Cafeteria tables/benches will be sanitized between groups of students.
- Extra cleaning and sanitizing will take place after the school day of the entire school.