

Ascension Catholic School

July 22, 2020

Ascension Catholic School plans to open to classroom and live stream instruction and learning. Our plans and protocols have been established as we prayerfully and carefully consider the best ways to provide instruction and keep our students and faculty safe so that we will be able to stay in school. As circumstances continue to evolve and additional information becomes available, we will adjust our plans and protocols. We ask for your prayers, support and patience as we work together to safely educate our children.

Campus Health and Welfare

- Additional safety and sanitizing items have been purchased:
 - *Touchless thermometers
 - *Privacy shields for each student's desk to be used at appropriate times
 - *UV-C sanitizing wands
 - *Electrostatic misters for sanitizing
 - *Touchless hand sanitizer stations
 - *Additional water bottle filling fountains
 - *Chromebooks are ordered to go 1-1 in gr. 4-8
- Social distancing 3-6 ft., as possible. Separated hallway traffic pattern.
- All students dropped at car line. All prek and k students who need to be escorted to the classroom door will be dropped off at the cafeteria door closest to the gym.
- Students will change classes less, teachers will move to teach in the students' classroom.
- No sharing of supplies, students will have individual storage boxes or bags
- Lunch will be brought to grades PK-6 in the classroom. Streamlined lunch program with limited options.
- Smaller groups will attend mass—to begin in September
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing protocols, including added staff to sanitize throughout the day
- Enhanced cleaning each evening
- Hand sanitizing units in all rooms
- Parents are asked to monitor their child's health on a daily basis
- Daily temperature checks at car line for students, faculty and staff. All students will use touchless hand sanitizer prior to entering the building. (Separate information on car line drop off and pick up will be sent to families.)
- Students with temperatures or symptoms will be isolated

in clinic until sent home

- Faculty and staff will wear masks
- Family will provide masks for students.

All students—Masks are now required of students in pre-kindergarten and above during arrival to and dismissal from school; changing of classes; for close group work and one to one instruction, when social distancing cannot be maintained and enforced. Masks are encouraged in the classroom but not required if social distancing, using clear plastic tri-fold dividers or face shields are in place.

The policy as it relates to prekindergarten students will be adjusted and enforced as much as it possible and feasible, given their young age. Care will be taken to increase outdoor play and to separate students when they are not wearing masks.

Academics and Learning

- Ongoing rigorous academic instruction infused with Catholic identity.
- An additional test will be administered to assess any learning gaps experienced from Spring 2020 school closure.
- Students who are quarantined, or who have opted for in home live stream instruction, will wear uniforms and be able to participate and communicate with the teacher during the lessons. (separate information will be sent home for those students.)
- On-going review and adjustments as we begin the year.

Ascension Catholic School, founded by the Sisters of Mercy and rooted in the charism of compassion, is a community of Companions on the Journey. We strive to foster the growth of each unique child by living the gospel values, achieving academic excellence, and serving our global family.