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What is the plan in the event that a child gets COVID?

The following are the procedures we will be following should a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19:

- The student or staff member will need to quarantine for 14 days.
 - This individual will be contacted by the Department of Health and issued an isolation order. They will not be able to return to school until they receive an order releasing them to do so from the DOH.
- Notification of a positive case will be communicated as soon as possible to our families. . There is a chance that the district finds out quicker than the Department of Health. If that is the case, we will confirm the positive with the Department of Health and work with them to complete the necessary contact tracing.
- The classroom (all students, teacher/staff) of the positive case will need to quarantine for 14 days.
- Any individuals who were in close contact of the positive case (within 6ft for longer than 10 minutes) will need to quarantine for 14 days.
- A sibling of a positive student will also need to quarantine for 14 days (the sibling's classroom will NOT need to quarantine unless the sibling tests positive)
- A negative COVID test during the quarantine does NOT permit a student/staff to come back into the school. They need to quarantine for the full 14 days.
- Children can access Remote Learning if they are quarantined.

Will any of the schools be using an air filtration system or UV light system to decrease the possibility of spread or infection? What are you doing regarding ventilation in the building to prevent the spread of Covid-19?

We investigated the UV light system but it can only be operated when no one is in the room. This would mean waiting until after school to run it which would really not help us as we need the air filtered while children are in the classroom. Instead, we have ordered portable air filters for each classroom that clean the air of 99.9 % of viruses and other impurities. We felt this would better serve our needs.

If an in-person student is homesick on a given day, can they log in remotely on that day?

Yes, if the student is up for learning, he/she can log on remotely that day.



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Will the school take the temperature of everyone entering the school building?

Yes, everyone who enters the school building will have their temperature taken. Individuals with a temperature of 100.0 and over will not be admitted into the building.

Will teachers and staff be COVID tested? If no, why not?

We have inquired about this with Lourdes Hospital and other testing sites. At this time, there is limited rapid testing available which would result in not getting results for up to 7 days. This would mean that teachers would be tested up to 7 days prior to classes starting or they would start classes prior to having test results. Neither of these options make sense for our purposes. Teachers do complete a COVID survey and will have temperature checks each day before entering the building.

Is there any value to delay in person learning until October as Bing has for a few reasons?

- 1. See how it goes for the other districts who open on 9/14.**
- 2. To have remote learning in place in the event it is necessary sooner rather than later, this would eliminate any gap in instruction.**

Because the COVID rate in our county is so low right now, it seems to be the right time to open. Many students are meeting their teachers for the first time and having face-to-face available up front will be helpful to start out with in case we do need to go remote. If we do go remote, it will likely be later rather than sooner, as we get into flu season which will complicate matters. We felt it was best to open while we can and this meets our parents' preferences as well.

What will be the procedure or consequences if a student cannot or does not keep their mask on?

If a student cannot keep their mask on for medical reasons, there needs to be a note from their primary care doctor, or if the mask does not seem to be a good fit, the teacher will communicate this with the family.

However, if a student does not want to keep their mask on (despite reminders), the same discipline policy at All Saints will be in place. The teacher will speak to the student and emphasize the importance of wearing the mask, if unsuccessful, the principal will speak with the student and if it continues, there will be a call home.



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**During lunch, how will masks need to be put away? Do they need to stay on the body?
What is your protocol for dropped or damaged masks?**

We would like masks to stay on the child at all times to prevent dropping or losing them. We do have disposable masks should a student lose or drop their mask throughout the day.

Will the playground be cleaned between cohorts?

We will look into this possibility.

I assume the teachers will ensure each student use hand sanitizer before leaving and entering the classroom, is that correct?

Yes, hand sanitizer will be in every classroom and anyone (students/staff) will use the sanitizer when they enter and exit the classroom.

Are masks required during recess? Is there an afterschool program? What if a child is refusing to wear a mask, what is your protocol if the child says he or she cannot breathe because of the mask?

Masks are required during recess but mask breaks will be allowed and monitored. After School program information is coming.

Will parents be allowed to attend mass with students as in years past?

We are working with St. Ambrose to see what mass will look like for the fall and will consult with IT to discuss live streaming for remote learners and families. We will update families as we know more.

When the weather does not allow for windows to be open, what is the plan for ventilation (not only at the start of the year but especially when temperatures change)?

We plan to keep the windows open for as long as possible until it becomes too cold to do so. As indicated above, we will have our air filters running in each classroom.

How is the dress code for remote learners working?

Remote learners can wear any appropriate clothing and if they have a Saints polo that would be great but not required.

Are the procedures outlined in the presentation similar for preschoolers? What will the difference be?

Yes, at this time preschoolers will wear masks throughout the date with frequent breaks.



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What are the expectations for external groups who rent/use the school after hours and on weekends - will they be monitored to ensure they are following guidelines and protocols?

At this time, we will not be renting out any of our facilities.

How will the teachers get them to keep their masks on?

It will become part of their routine and the children will become used to wearing them as they have in many other schools across the country and the world.

Vaccination rates across the country have dropped. How are schools enforcing that all students are actually fully vaccinated upon returning to school? Also are flu shots going to be mandatory or strongly encouraged?

All students at our schools must be current on their vaccinations. We are working with the Broome County Health department and will explore the idea of flu shots being available for students.

Is the 504-plan working for those kids that get extra help?

Please work with your child's teacher and special education teacher to assure that the plans are in place.

Will there be "open enrollment" considering the CSBC will be the only school district to offer 5 days in person (I believe)?

We have limited seating in our schools and right now we have accommodated our current families and have some select seats available for others who may be interested in coming.

Has more custodial staff been added?

We are in the process of hiring additional custodial staff.

Since remote learners won't be expected to be in uniform then why can't in person learners do the same

Remote learners will not be in our schools or seen by the other students. We have a uniform policy and will continue to follow it, however, there may be some adjustments in terms of dressing for cooler classrooms with windows being open and taking outdoor mask breaks.