



Saint Mary's Catholic School COVID-19 Plans and Response

A COVID-19 Task Force has been assembled through the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The following protocols have been put in place based on research by the Center for Disease Control, The World Health Organization, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

Plans and response may change if recommendations from the CDC, WHO, AAP, EPA, or OSHA change, or if new government directives are issued.

Screening and Personal Protection

- All students, faculty and staff are required to answer daily self-monitoring questions (right).
- All students, faculty and staff will have a screening temperature taken prior to entering the school building. No one with a temperature ≥ 100.0 F will be allowed on campus.
- For the safety of our students and employees, no visitors will be permitted into the school building throughout the school day.

Mask Statement: The Archdiocese of Atlanta has chosen to require the wearing of masks for all children and adults in our schools, not only in common areas, but also throughout the school day, unless when physical distancing is able to be consistently maintained at 6 feet or more for each individual in all directions. Examples include outdoor activities such as physical education classes, recess, eating and drinking. Please note, for PreK - 3rd grade, masks may be removed while in the classroom at the teacher's discretion for instructional purposes. **Families are to provide their own face masks, and we suggest each child carry a spare in their backpack. Alignment to Catholic values and beliefs must be followed in design. Masks should be laundered and labeled each day.**

Self-Monitoring Questions Required for students, faculty & staff:

1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 48 hours without the use of medications?

- Fever (temperature ≥ 100.0 F)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Congestion
- Muscle aches
- Loss of Sense/Smell

If yes to any of the above, is this related to any known medical or chronic condition (*i.e. allergies*)? For any known medical or chronic condition, a physician's note may be required.

2. Within the past 10 days, have you received a positive nasal swab test result for an active COVID-19 infection?

If answered YES to any of the above OR have a temperature reading ≥ 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, the individual is not cleared to enter the school/building. Temperature at or above 100.0 will be logged and tracked.

Please note: Screening questions may change as additional information regarding symptoms and spread is known.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

■ Adjustments will be made to arrival and dismissal procedures to reduce contact as well as the number of students in an area at one time. This will include certain grades using certain doors for arrival only:

- ▶ PK3 - 1st grades will use the main front doors.
- ▶ 2nd - 5th grades will use the side doors to the right of the main front doors.
- ▶ 6th - 8th grades will use the doors by the gym.
- ▶ All students will dismiss through the main door.

■ Students will go directly to their classrooms upon arrival and will dismiss from classrooms at the end of the day. Announcements will be made over the intercom. **Late arrivals will need to use the main doors and check in at the office.**

■ Parents will not be permitted to park and walk children into the building. Please utilize the staffed car line.

School Masses

■ For school-wide Masses, we will live stream the Mass to each classroom to celebrate together. Eucharist will be brought to Catholic students who have received their First Holy Communion by an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

■ Individual class Masses may be held in the school chapel.

■ Students will recite parts of the Mass that are traditionally sung.

Classroom Specifics

■ Physical distancing in classrooms and between desks will be implemented to the extent possible as well as limiting face-to-face interactions.

■ Students will remain with their class cohorts whenever possible throughout the day to reduce interactions between groups.

■ Teachers, rather than students, will move between rooms, and weather-permitting, adjustments will be made to schedules to allow for breaks and movement throughout the day.

■ Specials will be held in the classrooms or outside.

Lunch & Recess

■ Students will eat lunch in the classrooms to avoid the use of common areas.

■ No outside food deliveries will be allowed. If students order Schoolhouse Fare, lunch will be delivered to the classroom. Students may also bring their own lunch from home. *(Certain grades will have nut-free classrooms due to allergies)*

■ No microwaves will be available to heat food. Students should bring meals that do not require heating or utilize a thermos.

■ Milk and ice cream will still be available.

■ Outdoor recess times will be staggered. Play equipment will be limited to facilitate cleaning.

Enhanced Cleaning

■ We will have enhanced and increased cleaning schedules that includes disinfectant fogging each night and increased sanitation in the common areas. Students' desks will be cleaned with Clorox wipes several times a day.

■ Paper towels will be provided in bathrooms and hand dryers will be disabled to avoid common surface contact. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

■ Personal supplies will not be shared. Educational manipulatives and classroom materials will be cleaned after each use.

■ Increased common area and classroom filtration and air flow steps are being taken. Classroom doors will remain open and classroom air purifiers have been ordered.

■ Water fountains will be closed but water bottle filling stations will be used. Students should bring a labeled, filled water bottle to school each day.

General Student Health

■ Please do not send children to school with a temperature ≥ 100.0 F and do not medicate a child for fever prior to coming to school.

Students must be fever-free for 48 hours with no medication before returning to school.

■ Families are asked to complete the self-monitoring questions on the reverse side each day before coming to school.