



St. Joseph Catholic School Re-entry Plan Frequently Asked Questions

- **Does my child have to wear a mask all day?**
 - *Students will be required to wear a mask at all times when socially distancing is not possible. Students will need to bring an extra mask to school, should a replacement mask be needed during the day.*
- **If I choose at-home learning or in-school learning, can I change my mind?**
 - *In an effort to accommodate the various learning needs of our school community and provide consistency to both our teachers and students, we ask that you make the commitment quarterly for either at-home or in-school learning.*
- **If my child is participating in at-home learning, may they still participate in extracurricular activities?**
 - *Yes! Students will need to adhere to guidelines regarding masks once activities resume.*
- **What safety precautions has the school put in place to protect my child?**
 - *St. Joseph puts safety first! Many disinfecting procedures are being implemented, including a UV Light Filtration System in each classroom, one-directional stairways and hallways, touchless faucets and soap dispensers, daily classroom disinfecting and increased cleaning throughout the day. Student movements have been limited as much as possible and masks will be required when social distancing is not possible.*
- **How does the UV Light Filtration System sanitize the rooms each day?**
 - *UV Light Filtration Systems are designed to use short-wave ultraviolet light (UV-C light) to inactivate airborne pathogens and microorganisms like mold, bacteria and viruses. This system will not only clean the air of the COVID-19 virus, but many other germs that lead to illnesses.*
- **What happens when there is a positive COVID case in a classroom (child or teacher)?**
 - *Contact Tracing will be used and all those affected will be notified. We will follow set protocols from the Diocese of Palm Beach and the Martin County Department of Health.*
- **Will my child have Specials?**
 - *Yes! Specials are an important part of what makes St. Joseph's great! Specials Classes will be disinfected between each class.*
- **Will my child be socially distanced the entire day?**
 - *Every effort will be made to adhere to CDC Recommendations for social distancing of 6ft. Masks will be required when social distancing is not possible.*
- **Will I get discounted tuition for at-home learning?**
 - *Tuition costs will remain the same for both at-home and in-school learning.*



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- **Will there be Extended Day?**
 - *Yes, however spaces are limited for those families of essential workers and require advanced registration. Drop-In Extended Day is not available at this time.*
- **Will there be Sports?**
 - *As the situation is ever-changing, sports are being assessed by the Athletic Association and a final determination is still to be determined.*
- **Will students and staff have access to water fountains?**
 - *Water fountains will be used for the purpose of refilling water bottles only. Students will need to bring their own water bottle from home.*
- **Will there be Social Events (Back to School BBQ, Fall Festival, PPM, Middle School Socials, etc.)?**
 - *All social events for the first quarter have been cancelled. This will be reassessed quarterly by Administration.*
- **May I come eat lunch with my child?**
 - *Unfortunately, at this time, no school visitors are allowed on campus.*
- **May I bring in outside food?**
 - *No, for safety purposes, no outside food is allowed.*
- **What if my child forgets something during the day (instrument, etc.)?**
 - *Unfortunately, at this time, parents are not allowed to bring forgotten items to school. This is a great opportunity to teach your child accountability to remember all items when they prepare for their school day.*
- **May I visit my child's classroom?**
 - *Unfortunately, no school visitors are allowed at this time. This will be evaluated quarterly by Administration. This includes lunch time visits.*
- **Will there be school mass each week?**
 - *Students will attend mass by department (Primary, Intermediate and Middle School) on a rotating basis each week. Mass attendance will continually be assessed and adjustments made as necessary.*
- **Does my child need to wear a mass uniform each Wednesday?**
 - *Yes, it is so important for us to continue our school traditions! Students will wear mass uniforms each Wednesday, even if they aren't attending mass that week.*
- **Will there be class masses/prayer services?**
 - *Until it is deemed safe to do so, there will be no class masses or prayer services.*
- **Is the school providing a hot lunch for the 2020-2021 school year?**
 - *St. Joseph's will not be providing a hot lunch program at this time. Students will need to bring their own lunch to school each day. Please provide easy open packaging, to limit the need for teacher assistance in opening lunches.*
- **Where will the students eat lunch and snack?**
 - *Per CDC Guidelines, students will not be eating lunch together in the Family Center. Students will eat in their individual classrooms or outside, as weather permits. Students will be socially distanced while eating.*



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- **Will there be Morning Prayer in the Family Center?**
 - *Unfortunately, we are not able to gather as a school for Morning Prayer. Mrs. McNerney will still be conducting Morning Prayer to our classrooms, so we are excited to still begin our day with school prayer!*
- **Will there be recess?**
 - *Yes. Homeroom classes will be assigned a recess time. Only one class will be on the playground at one time and the playground equipment will be disinfected between classes.*
- **Will class supplies be shared? How will they be sanitized?**
 - *There may be times when class supplies or materials are shared; however that will be kept to a minimum. Those items will be sanitized according to CDC guidelines between uses. Individual supplies will be used as much as possible.*
- **Will VPK take naps? Will they have to wear masks?**
 - *Yes! Daily rest is very important for our littlest Chargers! We are blessed to have enough space to socially distance each child while they rest, so masks will NOT be required during nap time.*
- **How will student restroom breaks be handled?**
 - *Only two students will be allowed in the restroom at any time. Hand sanitizing will take place after each trip to the restroom. Enforcement of a bathroom pass system will be used to ensure the adequate number of students/proper distancing.*
- **Will Middle School be rotating classes?**
 - *Middle School students will be rotating with the same group of students throughout the day. Movements have been minimized and when possible, students will remain in the same classroom. In addition, each grade (6,7,8) will have a staggered class dismissal time, so only one class is in the hallway at a time. One-directional stairwell usage will be enforced.*
- **What happens if my student needs to come in late or needs to be picked up early?**
 - *We strongly encourage appointments to be scheduled outside of school hours, so that minimal disruption occurs to the school day. However, should the need arise, please follow standard procedures for notifying the teacher/front office.*
- **May I enter the Front Office?**
 - *At this time, necessary business will be conducted via the intercom system at the front office door. Guests are not allowed in the front office at this time. In the event you need to submit any correspondence to the office, you may send it in with your child or leave outside the school office in the designated basket.*
- **What happens when my child is not feeling well?**
 - *If your child isn't feeling well, please keep them home. If your child becomes ill during the day, you will be contacted and required to pick up your child immediately.*
- **Will there be daily temperature checks?**
 - *Yes, students will be checked upon arrival, during morning carline.*



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- **At what point would the school have to close for an outbreak?**
 - *Should there be an outbreak, we will be in contact with the Martin County Department of Health and the Diocese of Palm Beach for guidance regarding closure of St. Joseph Catholic School.*
- **Are we following Martin County for school closure guidance?**
 - *As our specific school environment varies from Martin County, we will be making decisions regarding school closure unique to St. Joseph Catholic School.*
- **What technology platforms are being used for learning?**
 - *Both Intermediate and Middle School grades will be utilizing Google Classroom. Primary grades will be utilizing SeeSaw.*
- **How will my child's privacy be protected during live-streaming to at-home learning students?**
 - *The camera will only be focused on the teacher, students in the classroom will not be included within the livestream video.*
- **For at-home learning, will I be required to have my child log in at specific times?**
 - *At-home learning students will need to work within the classroom schedule and log on at specific times for live instruction.*
- **What if I have technical issues when trying to live-stream?**
 - *If your child is unable to log on for live instruction, please contact that teacher directly via email. The teacher will contact you to assist in resolving the issue at their earliest convenience.*
- **What if my child misses the live instruction?**
 - *Per the guidelines set forth in the at-home request form, students/parents understand they are responsible for logging on for their classes at the assigned times of the class schedule for their instruction. Please contact the teacher with any questions.*
- **How often will I receive direct contact from my child's teacher for at-home learning?**
 - *Teachers will conduct a weekly check-in via phone/Zoom, as scheduled by the classroom teacher. Parents and students should feel free to reach out to the teacher via email. Intermediate and Middle School students are encouraged to advocate for themselves and reach out to the teacher via email for any questions they may have throughout the week. Please remember that classroom teachers will not have office hours as they did in our virtual learning model and will need to respond when they are not directly working with students.*