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Reopening Plan Saint Joseph Catholic School August 4, 2020

Opening Prayer

**Rev. Msgr. Richard Harris- Pastor of Saint
Joseph Catholic Church and Vicar General
of the Diocese of Charleston**

- ▶ **Taje Davis – Parent and Advisory Council President;**
- ▶ **Aaron Dupree – Parent and Advisory Council Facilities Chair;**
- ▶ **Kevin Kaminski – Parent and Advisory Council Technology Chair;**
- ▶ **Madison Henry – Parent and Nurse;**
- ▶ **Katie Rogers – Office Manager;**
- ▶ **Mary Claire Cox – Teacher;**
- ▶ **Karen Tucker – Teacher;**
- ▶ **Ben Jett – Parish DRE and CN Teacher;**
- ▶ **Diane Ford – Parent and Teacher;**
- ▶ **Sophie Gorrin – Parent and Teacher;**
- ▶ **Tawfiq Hodaly – Grandparent and Director of Facilities;**
- ▶ **Adrienne Carroll – Parish Business Manager;**
- ▶ **Nancy Sexton – Parent and School Business Manager;**
- ▶ **Donavan Yarnall – Parent and Principal**

Task Force Members

Values



We see the value of in-person instruction and the importance of interacting with the community.



We will take all precautions to keep our students, families, faculty and staff safe while providing a full Saint Joseph experience.



We believe that our students can learn and choose to act responsibly out of care for others.



We will offer options so that all students can continue their learning.

Return to Campus Guides and Plan

The school taskforce on reopening met and reviewed

- CDC documents
- Diocese of Charleston guidelines

Our approved plan

- The Diocese of Charleston approved plan on July 22nd
- Emailed to all families and posted July 25th

- ▶ **We ask for your support.**
- ▶ **Please monitor symptoms at home.**
 - ▶ **Fever or chills**
 - ▶ **Cough**
 - ▶ **Shortness of breath**
 - ▶ **Fatigue, muscle, body aches**
 - ▶ **Headaches**
 - ▶ **Loss of taste**
 - ▶ **Congestion**
 - ▶ **Runny nose**
 - ▶ **Vomiting or nausea**
- ▶ **If a child or any member of your household displays symptoms of any kind, the child should remain home.**

Families: Support from Home

Health Checks at School



Students' temperatures will be taken at school using digital thermometers.

Those with elevated temperatures will be asked to return home.



Students will enter the building from multiple entry-ways.

More to come on carpool and dismissal



Students will also be scanned during the day by school personnel. Students who exhibit symptoms will be screened for a history of exposure, isolated, and sent home.

- ▶ If a student exhibits symptoms during the school day:
 - ▶ The school nurse, administration, or teacher may screen.
 - ▶ Student will be directed to the school nurse.
 - ▶ Isolation in the nurse's office.
- ▶ If there is exposure or a diagnosis of COVID-19 in your household:
 - ▶ Please contact the school nurse or principal
- ▶ 4K - 3rd grade - If a member of the class tests positive for COVID-19, the teacher and entire class will be quarantined.
- ▶ 4th -6th grades - If a member of the class tests positive for COVID-19, the teachers and entire grade will be quarantined.
 - ▶ Student will need to quarantine for 10 days after symptoms appear.
 - ▶ Principal, school nurse, or designee will communicate with any classes involved and individual families regarding quarantine.
 - ▶ The school nurse will communicate with public health authorities.
 - ▶ Confidentiality will be maintained.

What If?

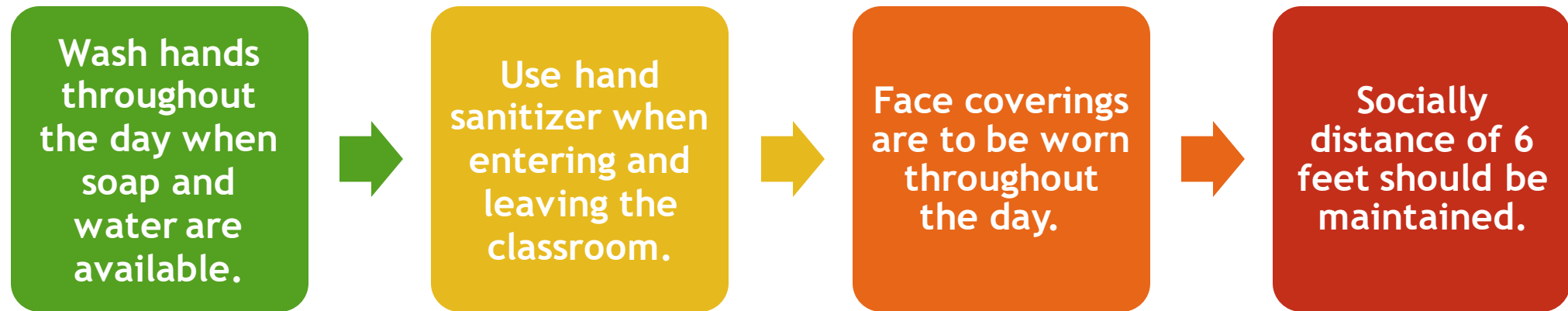
When to Isolate

- ▶ **Quarantine for those diagnosed by test or physician with COVID-19**
 - ▶ An employee or student must isolate until DHEC releases them and they have a note from their primary care physician stating they are allowed to return to normal activity.
- ▶ **Quarantine for those who have been in close contact in the classroom or have household contact with someone with COVID-19**
 - ▶ An employee or student must quarantine for the recommended length of time according to current DHEC recommendations. The school nurse will track all exposures and ensure proper quarantine is communicated and followed.
- ▶ **The principal and nurse will regularly communicate and monitor developments with local health authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures and any updates to policies or procedures.**

What Next?

- ▶ **Those who test positive should remain home until they are approved by a physician to return to school.**
 - ▶ **Instruction will continue with our homebound virtual teacher Mrs. Diana VonPlinsky.**
- ▶ **If a teacher is absent due to exposure to COVID-19, but is well enough to teach, that teacher may choose to teach the class remotely to students on campus who will be supervised by a substitute or instructional assistant.**
- ▶ **If the whole class is quarantined, then the classroom teacher will teach the class virtually to all students at their virtual locations.**
- ▶ **Please let the school know if your child or someone in your home tests positive.**
 - ▶ **Open communication is critical**

Healthy Habits



Face Coverings

- ▶ **Students must have their own. A spare kept in students' backpacks is recommended.**
 - ▶ **Students can select their own mask color and appropriate designs are allowed.**
 - ▶ **Must be a two-layer covering. Most gators are not two-layer**
 - ▶ **CDC guidelines recommend washing masks after each use.**
- ▶ **We will provide a face shield to be used at school in the classroom at the teacher's discretion.**
- ▶ **In grades PreK – 3 masks are highly recommended when students are in the building, but only required when social distancing is not possible.**
- ▶ **Masks are required to be worn at all times by students in grades 4-6 when in the building.**
 - ▶ **Breaks from face coverings: snack, lunch, and outdoor times.**

- ▶ **Each day: Clean and disinfect thoroughly using a CDC approved alcohol-based disinfectant.**
 - ▶ **Classrooms**
 - ▶ **Large spaces**
 - ▶ **Hallways**
 - ▶ **Bathrooms**
 - ▶ **Offices**
- ▶ **Between classes in 4th 5th and 6th grades**
 - ▶ **Surfaces will be cleaned by the teacher and/or exiting students between each class (disinfectant dries in 15 seconds).**

Disinfecting our Building

Classrooms

- ▶ **Class size will be limited to allow 36 square feet per person (students and teachers).**
- ▶ **To the extent possible, students will face one direction**
- ▶ **Classroom desks will be arranged with a 6' distance in the classroom when feasible and 6' between front of class and first desk to allow for teacher movement.**
- ▶ **Assign cubbies or hooks to each child for individual use and storage of items (no co-mingling or sharing).**
- ▶ **We will cohort classes for grades 4K-3.**
- ▶ **Younger students will be in their assigned cohort throughout the day, allowing older grades (4-6) to perform change of class while following guidelines**
- ▶ **All students will have assigned seating so that we can trace contact.**



Traffic Between Classes

Rooms typically visited by many classes (art, library, music, computer lab, cafeteria) will be closed until it is deemed safe to reopen them.

Transition times will be limited- when possible, teachers will move, students will stay.

Traffic flow maps will be established, and stairways and hallways marked with directional arrows.

Face covering must be used when social distancing is not feasible (hallway movement, change of classes, drop off, pickup and other areas).

Lunches

- ▶ All classes will eat lunch in the classrooms or outside areas
 - ▶ Monitored by teachers or IA's.
- ▶ Drinking fountains will be closed. All students should bring water bottles from home, which they may refill in classroom sinks.
- ▶ Students can bring a lunch from home five days a week
- ▶ Schoolhouse Fare will provide delivery options on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - ▶ A SHF representative will deliver purchased food to the classroom door. We will revisit this arrangement on October 1.
- ▶ Visitors are not allowed at lunchtime.
- ▶ Please ensure your child has a lunch before they exit the car – the school will not be able to provide lunches to students who forget.
- ▶ No classroom birthday celebrations (treats/snacks) at this time.

Recess

Students are allowed to use the outdoors under the supervision of a teacher or IA.

Masks will not be required outdoors at recess.

Social distancing will be monitored and encouraged.

Cohort classes will recess in the same area.

Existing cleaning procedures for outdoor equipment are in place—high touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings, will be cleaned routinely with approved disinfectants.

Arrivals and Departures

- ▶ **Students:**
 - ▶ **Arrive and depart via carpool.**
 - ▶ **If your student is late to school (excused or unexcused), please pull up in the front car loop, remain in your car, and call the front office. Roll down your window. A school employee will meet you at your car, take your student's temperature, and walk your student into the building. Students may not exit the vehicle until their temperature is taken.**
 - ▶ **If it is necessary to sign your student out early please pull up in the front car loop, remain in your car, and call the front office. A school employee will sign your student out and walk him/her to your car.**
 - ▶ **You should allow extra time for these procedures.**
 - ▶ **All excused and unexcused tardies will be recorded as such**

Morning Carpool

Carpooling with other families is discouraged but not prohibited.



All families should utilize the car line.



SJCS will operate two (2) car lines in the morning


Grades 2-6 will be dropped off and picked up on the blacktop loop off Blossom Street.

Grades 4K-1 will be dropped off and picked up in the front loop off Devine Street.

•If you have multiple children in your car, go to the drop off spot for the YOUNGEST child.

Morning Carpool

Upon arrival (7:30-8:00 a.m.), please pull to the front of the line. Roll down your window. A school employee will take each student's temperature before they may exit the car. Any child with a temperature of 100.4 or greater is not allowed to attend school. Students will wear a mask while traveling to their classrooms.



You should allow extra time for these procedures.



Parents are not permitted in the building or classrooms.

Afternoon Carpool

- ▶ **SJCS will operate two (2) carpool lines in the afternoon.**
 - ▶ **Grades 2-6 will be dropped off and picked up on the blacktop loop off Blossom Street.**
 - ▶ **Grades 4K-1 will be dropped off and picked up in the front loop off Devine Street.**
 - ▶ **If you have multiple children in your car, go to the drop off spot for the YOUNGEST child.**
- ▶ **In the afternoon (3:00 p.m.), proceed to your car line (4K-1 students in front, 2-6 students in back, use the location for the youngest child in your car).**
- ▶ **A school employee will walk your student(s) to the car. Students will wear a mask during carpool.**
- ▶ **The walkup gate on Blossom Street is also a pickup option. If you are using the walkup gate, parents and students must maintain proper distancing and wear a mask as they approach the school.**
- ▶ **Students who ride daycare buses will meet outside the main office. A school employee will walk students to the church loop.**

Extended Care



There will be no after school or evening activities.



Extended Care and all extracurricular clubs and activities will be suspended until December.

We will revisit this decision in early December to determine whether restrictions can be lifted for second semester.



All students will depart at 3:00 via carpool, daycare bus, or the walkup gate.

Homebound Virtual Lessons

If a student is required to stay home due to COVID-19 illness or exposure, but is well enough to complete classwork, a homebound teacher will work with students individually to provide a personalized learning experience through a blend of resources including lesson plans, posted course content, online platforms, and student-school communication.

On the first day a student is absent, the classroom teacher will contact the family about any activities to be completed in the next two days.

On day two of the absence, the classroom teacher and the homebound teacher will communicate the objectives for the extended absences.

On day three, the homebound teacher will contact the students and parents and lay out the schedule and learning plan.

From day four until the student's return, the student, parents, and homebound teacher will work to accomplish the set objectives.



Should We Need It:

- ▶ We are refining the Distance Learning Plan (DLP) approach that we used in the Spring.
 - Platforms/applications that will be used during distance learning will be taught in the classroom beginning in August.
 - Students may bring devices to school on designated days to receive training.
 - Hard copy instructions will also be provided.
 - Classroom teachers will communicate which platforms/apps need to be downloaded for their class.

- ▶ **We will continue to celebrate Mass each week.**
 - ▶ **Each Friday students will view Mass in the classroom via YouTube.**
- ▶ **Dress uniform is required on Fridays**

Mass

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Class rosters posted on Facts Family Portal. The SignUp Genius link sent out to sign up for Meet the Teacher on August 20th and 21st.

On or before August 20th: Student waiver is due in the school office.

First day of school for students. Faculty is on duty at 7:30 a.m. School academic hours are 8:00a - 3:00p

Thu. 13 Aug.

Thu. 20 Aug. and
Fri. 21 Aug.

Fri. 7 Aug.

20 Aug.

Mon. 24 Aug.

New Parent/Family Orientation at 6:30 p.m. This will now be virtual - we will send a link to all new families.

Meet the Teacher

Waivers

- ▶ **SCHOOL STAFF WAIVER:** All school staff must sign the attached waiver before they can return to work. Signed waiver must be returned on or before August 13th.
- ▶ [COVID-19 waiver for school staff 7-24-20 final.docx](#)
- ▶ **STUDENT WAIVER:** All school families must sign the attached waiver before they can attend school. Signed waiver must be returned on or before August 20th.
- ▶ [Covid 19 waiver for student - 7-24-20 final.docx](#) _

Questions?



Thank You!