

**DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN FRAMEWORK  
2021-2022**

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<b>School Name: ST.JOSEPH SCHOOL</b>	<b>School Location: YORK</b>
<b>Principal: CORRINNE A. ECK</b>	<b>Date of Reopening: AUGUST 23, 2021</b>
<b>Type of Reopening:</b> Total Reopening for all students and staff.	The Diocese will continually review this plan in light of CDC and Department of Health guidelines and in collaboration with school principals. (last update: July 19, 2021)
<b>Health &amp; Safety Team</b> These individuals play a role in drafting the school plan and in responding to Covid-related matters during the school year.	
<b>Individual</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group Represented</b>
Father Steve Fernandes Corrinne Eck Kristy Baker Jennifer Danczyk Meghan Huff Gilgore Rebecca Olinger Melissa Preston Michelle Pugh John Reisenweber Danielle Springer Karla Staub	St. Joseph Parish - Pastor St. Joseph School - Principal Development Director Administrative Manager Faculty - Special classes Former School Board/Parent/Faculty (21-22) Faculty - Lower Hall/ Primary Faculty - Upper Hall/ Intermediate School Board/ Parent Faculty - Special Classes/Parent Faculty - Middle School/Parent

<b>DIOCESAN GUIDELINES</b>	<b>LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:</b> Please include site-specific details and plans for communication to all stakeholders.
<b>Acknowledgement Forms:</b> All parents will be required to sign an updated "acknowledgements and notices" form before the start of the 2021-22 school year. These will be similar to the forms signed before the 2020-21 school year.	St. Joseph School (SJY) will require all parents to sign an updated "acknowledgements and notices" form before the start of the 2021-22 school year. These forms will be made available in mid-August on the website and in the "In the Loop" newsletter.

<p><b>Weekly Data Collection:</b> Schools will continue to complete the weekly survey from the Office of Catholic Schools on Covid-related matters until further notice in order to ensure consistent data collection efforts.</p>	<p>SJY will continue to provide a weekly survey from the Office of Catholic Schools, on Covid-related matters, until further notice. This is done through the principal's office.</p>
<p><b>Virtual Learning - Individual Request:</b> Permission must be given for children to attend our Catholic schools virtually in the 2021-22 school year. We believe it is best to have our students in person in our schools, whenever possible.</p> <p>Parents may make an application to the re-opening committee (not to the building principal) for consideration for virtual education. The application includes completion of a Google Form and an email including the needed medical documentation. Only medically-documented reasons will be considered. When the re-opening committee receives the application, the committee will consult with the building principal on the matter. The application, pertinent dates and email link can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>SJY recognizes the importance for students to receive an education that develops the "whole-child". All classes will be in-person in the 21-22 school year.</p> <p>Virtual learning will be reserved for students approved by the reopening committee through the planned application process.</p>
<p><b>Virtual Learning - Response to Exposure:</b> If quarantine is needed for a group of students, the school will strive to accommodate that group through a combination of virtual and traditional learning methods. Schools need to be prepared to offer virtual instruction in case an entire class needs to be quarantined.</p>	<p>In cases of quarantine of a student group, SJY will review the learning needs, and accommodate the group, as needed, of students with virtual learning support.</p>
<p><b>Temperature &amp; Symptom Checks:</b> Temperature checks will not be done on a daily basis; rather, they will be reserved for screening potentially ill students or faculty and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents will be asked to be vigilant in checking students for symptoms of illness and to keep students home when ill.</li> <li>• As details of specific symptoms of concern are known, the school will</li> </ul>	<p>SJY will no longer require families to check-in online each morning.</p> <p>SJY staff will monitor temperature and symptoms checks for any student who presents with potential symptoms during school hours.</p> <p>To protect all families:</p>

<p>advise parents of any symptoms that require students to remain at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty and staff are asked to do a daily self-check for symptoms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will be asked to be vigilant in checking students for symptoms of illness and to keep students home when ill.</li> <li>As details of specific symptoms of concern are known, the school will advise parents of any symptoms that require students to remain at home.</li> <li>Faculty and staff are asked to do a daily self-check for symptoms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social Distancing:</b> Students are expected to be three feet apart in the classroom, to the extent feasible.</p>	<p>SJY will continue the expectation that students will remain three to four feet apart in the classroom, hallways and other areas of the school.</p>
<p><b>Masks:</b> Masks will not be required in our schools for faculty, staff and students. They are optional for those who would prefer to wear them. Schools must ensure that that option is honored and respected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will follow the rules of their school district re: masks when utilizing district transportation.</li> </ul>	<p>Beginning on Monday, January 31, 2022, a weekly evaluation of case numbers will be made to determine if masks will be optional to those who wish to use them, and will not be a requirement for any faculty, staff, or students, or if the mask requirement will continue or be reinstated to assist and assure the safety of in person learning.</p> <p>At SJY, masks will be required for all faculty, staff, or students.</p> <p>At SJY, masks will be optional to those who wish to use them, and will not be a requirement for any faculty, staff, or students.</p> <p>Students who use transportation options from their home school districts will follow any mask requirement issued from that entity.</p>
<p><b>Vaccines:</b> Vaccines will not be required for anyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if exposed to Covid.</li> </ul>	<p>SJY will not require vaccinations for any faculty, staff or student. Vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine if exposed to Covid.</p>
<p><b>Record of Vaccines:</b> Principals will need to know the vaccination status of the people in the buildings in order to be aware of the overall health situation in</p>	<p>In order to be aware of the overall health situation in the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, the administration at St.</p>

<p>the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty and staff in our schools will inform the principal about their vaccination status at the proper time and through the proper channels.</li> <li>• Parents of students are encouraged to let principals know, in the manner the school establishes, if children have been vaccinated.</li> <li>• In all cases, the school will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard the privacy and dignity of all students, faculty and staff regarding vaccination status.</li> </ul>	<p>Joseph School will maintain a record of the vaccination status of faculty and staff.</p> <p>At this time, understanding that the age group of our students are less likely to be vaccinated, all students will be considered unvaccinated unless the administration is informed to the contrary. Parents of students are encouraged to let the principal know, if their children have been vaccinated.</p> <p>Knowledge of vaccinations will be kept in confidence by school administration.</p>
<p><b>Quarantines:</b> We will await more information from the state to see if contact tracing and quarantine are required at all for those students and faculty and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.</p> <p>Therefore, unvaccinated faculty, staff or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will need to quarantine based on time frames established by the CDC and adopted by the State of Pennsylvania. Fully vaccinated faculty, staff and students will NOT need to quarantine, and no contact tracing is needed. Clearly, any student or faculty or staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine, with the length of the quarantine to be determined by the Board of Health.</p>	<p>While SJY awaits more information from the state to see if contact tracing and quarantine are required at all for those students and faculty and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.</p> <p>Unvaccinated faculty, staff or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will need to quarantine based on time frames established by the CDC and adopted by the State of Pennsylvania. Fully vaccinated faculty, staff and students will NOT need to quarantine, and no contact tracing is needed.</p> <p>Any student or faculty or staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine, with the length of the quarantine to be determined by the Board of Health.</p> <p>Isolation and quarantine times will be adjusted to meet the CDC guidelines published on December 27, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid positive individuals: Isolation time for people with Covid 19 is 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of strict mask usage (no exceptions). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If this is not possible, then the full 10-day period applies. The Covid positive person could test</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>on day 7 and return with a negative result.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals exposed to Covid: For those who are unvaccinated or more than six months out from their second dose (or more than two months after the J&amp;J vaccine) and not yet boosted, quarantine period is 5 days, followed by a period of 5 days of strict mask usage (no exceptions). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If symptoms occur, individuals must immediately quarantine until the quarantine period is completed, or a negative test indicates the symptoms are not from Covid 19.</li> <li>○ If this is not possible, then the full 10-day period applies. The Covid positive person could test on day 7 and return with a negative result.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Parents, visitors and volunteers:</b> Parents, volunteers and other visitors will be allowed in schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.</li> <li>• Signage will be posted prominently in the lobby/office indicating that parents, visitors and volunteers in our school who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks while in the school.</li> <li>• When signing in, parents, visitors and volunteers will sign that they understand and will comply with the request to mask if they are not fully vaccinated. No one will be asked for proof of vaccination when signing in.</li> </ul>	<p>At SJY, parents, volunteers and other visitors will be allowed in the school for the purposes of supporting the educational mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.</li> <li>• Signage will be posted prominently in the lobby/office indicating that parents, visitors and volunteers in our school who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks while in the school.</li> <li>• When signing in, parents, visitors and volunteers will sign that they understand and will comply with the request to mask if they are not fully vaccinated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cleaning:</b> Areas in schools for common use -- that is, used regularly by multiple groups within the school -- need to be cleaned regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locker rooms, gyms, band and chorus areas, and any other spaces used by multiple school groups are</li> </ul>	<p>SJY will continue to implement the stringent cleaning routines established in 20-21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunchroom surfaces will be sanitized between lunch shifts.</li> </ul>

<p>to be cleaned in the middle of the week, ideally, but at least once a week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunchroom surfaces need to be sanitized between lunch shifts.</li> <li>• Classroom desks and high-traffic areas should be cleaned daily at the end of the school day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom desks and high-traffic areas will be cleaned multiple times daily and at the end of the school day.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ventilation:</b> Schools will make every effort to provide as much ventilation as possible in each classroom, as we did in 2020-21. Leaving windows and doors open in an appropriate manner is the simplest approach.</p>	<p>SJY will continue to use excellent ventilation efforts, as in 20-21. Teachers are highly encouraged to use all the outdoor learning spaces prepared in the 2020-2021 school year, allowing for ample fresh air opportunities for student groups throughout the day.</p>
<p><b>Handwashing and hygiene:</b> Students will be asked to wash/sanitize hands at sensible times, as always: at start and end of the school day, before and after lunch, when they have sneezed or used the restroom, and as needed. Water fountains may not be used. Schools may ask students to bring water bottles to school.</p>	<p>SJY faculty, staff and students will continue to encourage and monitor handwashing and hygiene efforts.</p> <p>SJY uses water bottle filling stations. All students are required to bring a personal drinking bottle to school to be used for all hydration needs.</p>
<p><b>Field trips:</b> Reasonable field trips can be taken in the local area and that decision resides with the school. Proposed trips beyond the local area are to be brought to the Secretary for Education for discussion. However, the responsibility to vet the locations and situations encountered on these trips resides with the school. Schools will need to do homework and be sure of the situation students will encounter during the field trip: crowded areas, etc. -- and will prepare appropriately. High schools will be able to offer overnight retreats, as long as there is a thorough, written health and safety plan in place.</p>	<p>SJY will review all opportunities for field trips for our students. Permission to attend will be granted following a thorough exploration of all safety measures taken by the intended destination.</p>
<p><b>Social, emotional and spiritual care for students:</b> We need to make sure, in each school, that we are carefully monitoring student learning and providing all possible resources to meet individual learning needs and to provide the best resources for social, emotional and spiritual growth for our</p>	<p>At St. Joseph School, it is our mission to provide to our students an education steeped in excellence in spiritual, academic, social and emotional learning experiences. As in the past, SJY will continue this effort in collaboration with faculty, support staff, clergy and families.</p>

<p>students. As we did last year, we will take a team approach in our schools: school nurses, counselors, social workers (if available) and priests will bring powerful resources to benefit our students. That team will need close collaboration with parents and with teachers, who know the needs of their students well.</p>	
<p><b>Groupings: cohorts, assemblies, Mass, small group work</b>  While we will not start the year with the strict cohorting system we used last year, each school is asked to plan the daily interaction of student groups. Each school will determine the range of those groups. In the end, if there is a potential exposure to Covid, we need to know how to proceed. As an example: a school may decide that one group will be grades K-2, as they need to eat lunch at the same time.</p> <p>Schools may have small groups work together within the classroom. Maintain the three-foot distance, to the extent feasible.</p>	<p>In 2021-2022, SJY will offer students an educational opportunity in which they may interact with appropriate learning groups to provide the most enhanced learning experience.</p> <p>Classes may work together in small groups of no more than three or four students maintaining the three-foot distance.</p>
<p><b>Groupings - Cafeteria:</b>  The cafeteria may be used. To the extent feasible, students should be three feet apart in the cafeteria. Commonly-used surfaces in the cafeteria must be cleaned between lunch shifts. A clean and simple approach for the school is to make the groups mentioned above the same as the lunch groups that share the cafeteria.</p>	<p>SJY will provide breakfast/lunch service in the cafeteria. Students will be required to maintain a social distance of three feet in lines and in seats.</p> <p>Tables and benches will be sanitized between each lunch session.</p>
<p><b>Groupings - Assemblies:</b>  Schools may have assemblies, as needed. As assemblies will bring together more than one school group, schools are encouraged to start with a small number of assemblies in the first quarter of the school year, until we see the overall impact.</p>	<p>Pre-COVID, SJY assembled each morning for community prayers. This practice will be reinstated in the 2021-2022 school year, while observing social distancing.</p> <p>Assemblies for other purposes will be reviewed for relevance of instructional support and benefit to support a positive student learning experience. All providers of assemblies will be required to maintain SJY safety measures while in the building.</p>

**Groupings - Mass:**

School Masses will continue, as per Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.

St. Joseph School will attend weekly Mass following Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.