



St. Dennis School Re-Opening Plan

St. Dennis School/Parish is fully committed to safeguarding the health and safety of all staff and students. We, at St. Dennis School, pride ourselves on being able to offer a Quality, Safe, Catholic Education to all of our students. We feel that this plan will ensure all of these important virtues while offering a variety of learning options for parents to choose from.

St. Dennis School will offer a simultaneous instruction model that will allow families the option that they are most comfortable with as well as the flexibility to change at any time. Parents will be able to send their child for in-person school 5 days a week, choose livestream class via their chromebook, or a combination of both. All children in grades 1-8 will receive a school chromebook. Students in 4K/5K may request a mini-iPad for use at home. Families choosing the virtual route will simply have their child log into the classroom using Google meetings to “attend class” when a teacher is providing instruction to those in person. Breaks for recess, lunch, passing, etc. will ensure that a student choosing virtual learning will not be on their computer for the entire time. Students in virtual learning may also be assigned study groups with both students learning in-person as well as those learning through the virtual option. Parents would have the option of choosing in-person or virtual month-by-month for grades 4K-5 or week-by-week for 6-8 to adjust for parent work schedules as well as increase or decrease in virus concerns. This plan will ensure that any student needing to be quarantined or sick can easily transition into virtual learning. This plan will also allow us to easily transition if we need to switch quickly to virtual learning at any time. With many choosing virtual learning over in-person learning this will allow in-person class sizes to be smaller, allowing for acceptable social distancing. Any week where class size is expected to be large, the class could be split into smaller groups for learning. The following measures will also be taken in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

- Masks/Face Coverings worn at all times in the building
 1. Each student will have 2 bags in their locker- 1 for clean masks and 1 for used masks.
 - Used masks will be sent home at the end of each day to be washed or disposed of
 - Masks will be changed 2-3 times throughout the day
 - Each child is recommended to start the week with a minimum of 6 masks in their bag
 2. Proper mask etiquette informational sheets will be sent home and communicated with families.
 3. Proper Mask etiquette will be taught by teachers on a regular basis
 4. Students will be given multiple masks donated by the DPI
 5. St. Dennis will be selling cloth masks with St. D logo that tighten in order to fit to size.
 6. Signage regarding requirement as well as proper etiquette will be posted throughout the school.

- Students and staff will be required to wash their hands with soap and water as well as use sanitizer when entering every classroom as well as moving throughout the school building.
 1. Proper etiquette sheets will be communicated to parents
 2. Proper etiquette will be taught by teachers on a regular basis
 3. Signage will be posted throughout the school building
 4. Sanitizing machines will be placed in every classroom as well as throughout the building

- Cleaning and Sanitizing
 1. St. Dennis has purchased an electro-spray machine that will disinfect an entire classroom in 4-5 minutes. This machine will be used during lunch hours to clean rooms as well as every night.
 2. Teachers will use UVC wands to clean hard surfaces in their rooms
 3. Maintenance will also use UVC wands to clean at night
 4. High contact surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day as well as at night.
 5. EPA approved cleaners will be used throughout the day as well as at night to clean all rooms as well as the restrooms
 6. Sneeze guards will be installed in the school office
 7. UVC lights will be used to disinfect the computer lab as well as high touch areas daily.
 8. A daily cleaning and disinfected will be created and coordinated to cleaning staff
 9. See policy for additional measures

- Temperatures and COVID-19 symptoms
 1. Parents are required to take their child's temperature and check for symptoms before bringing their child to school. Children with a temperature or exhibiting any other symptoms for which causes are unknown should be kept at home and should NOT attend school.
 2. All students will have their temperature checked prior to entry into school -Any child with a temperature will not be permitted into school- Parents will be called immediately.
 3. Healthy checks will occur throughout the school day.
 4. Any student developing a fever or symptoms from an unknown cause will be isolated from other students and parents will be called immediately to take the student home.
 5. Temperatures will be taken prior to getting on the school bus.
 6. Staff temperatures will be taken upon arriving to school. All staff will also complete a symptom screening checklist at the beginning of each day.

- Social Distancing Measures
 1. Outside line-up lines will be spread 6 feet apart
 2. Distancing signage will be placed throughout the building

3. Teachers and staff will remind students to keep their distance at all times
 4. Classroom desks will be spread apart 6' to the greatest extent possible
 5. Each class will be a cohort with as limited mixing as possible.
 6. Cohorts will stay together for lunch, recess, etc.
 7. Assemblies will occur outside, weather permitting or not at all
 8. Lunch periods will be staggered
 9. Transition times will be staggered so only one class is in the hall at a time.
 10. Direction arrows will be placed throughout the building
 11. Playground will be split into zones. Grades will rotate zones each day.
 12. Water fountains will be shut off. Students will need their own personal water bottle
 13. No school supplies will be shared. Students will wipe down all personal supplies at the beginning and the end of each day.
 14. Learning outside, weather permitting, will be emphasized as much as possible.
- Visitors
 1. Visitors will be limited to those who are essential to learning or the operation of the school. (ie. USPS, FedEx, UPS, Title Teacher, etc.)
 2. Any visitor entering the building will have their temperature checked.
 3. All entrance cards will be turned off. All visitors/parents must buzz in as well as check in at the office.
 4. Parents arriving to pick up a child who is sick or has an appointment will not enter the building but instead must call the office upon arrival. Office personnel will walk the child out of the building to meet the parents.
 5. All visitors will be required to wear a mask.
 6. No visitor will be permitted in the classrooms
 7. Volunteers will be limited and structured to be with one age group/cohort.
 - Scheduling
 1. Classes will be staggered to limit large groups in the halls, lunchrooms, bathrooms, etc.
 2. Special's classes will be taught in the homeroom classroom whenever possible
 3. Middle school teachers will rotate instead of the students.
 4. Gym classes will be held outside, when not possible, low expiration activities will be chosen.
 5. Music class will be limited to music appreciation and understanding. There will be no singing until further notice.
 6. Outside teaching areas will be added using canopies
 - Lunch
 1. NO hot lunch will be served until the 2nd quarter. A sack lunch will be available for purchase. Sack lunches will include only pre-packaged items.
 2. The hot lunch line will be separated by plex-glass barriers
 3. As much pre-packaged materials as possible will be used to limit outside germs/touching

4. Additional lunch periods will be added to limit the number of students in the lunchroom at one time
 5. Additional spaces will be used for lunchtime including, the gym and outside
 6. Canopies will be added outside to for lunch
 7. Students will not serve food to others or themselves. All food will be served by kitchen staff.
 8. Social distancing will be followed
 9. Students are not allowed around the lunchroom
 10. Additional garbage cans will be added.
 11. Additional disinfecting between lunch periods
- Technology
 1. Every student in grades 1-8 will have a chromebook and be set up on Google classroom.
 2. Teachers will have a computer set up to live stream/record lessons
 3. Teachers will have a camera and microphone capability so that live-streaming can be easily heard and seen from those at home.
 4. All teachers will be using Airpod technology to improve clarity for those in virtual learning.
 - Mitigation/Contact Tracing

Symptomatic individual's (regardless of confirmed COVID-19 test), can come out of isolation after **all 3 of these things** have happened:

1. You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers) **AND**
2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, your cough or shortness of breath have improved) **AND**
3. At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

If you are told that you were exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19

1. Let the school know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
2. Self-quarantine for 14 days. This means you should not go to school and should avoid leaving your home as much as possible.
3. If you do not develop symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) or a fever greater than 100.4 F, you can return to school after 14 days.

More policies, procedures, plans will be released as developed.

These include:

Case response protocol

Screening Attestation

Overview of sick leave refundable credit (Employees)

Protective Measures Policy (staff and students)

Illness Policy (staff and students)

Hand Hygiene Policy (staff and students)

Regular Cleaning and Prevention Policy

Mask Policy

Returning to School after Covid-19 Handout

Hygiene Policy