



2021-2022 Holy Cross School COVID Reopening Plan

Overview

The overall goal of Holy Cross School in implementing these new protocols is to maintain an environment of learning that meets the needs of each member of the school community. These protocols were written accounting for the unique needs of our school and are meant to maximize in-class learning while protecting the health and safety of all members.

In developing these protocols, guidance from state and local health departments along with the published guidelines from the New York Department Health and the Center for Disease Control were carefully considered.

The following protocols have been adopted as the first step in maintain a safe and healthy Holy Cross community. These protocols will be reviewed, updated and are subject to change based on additional information provided in the community.

Masking Policy

- In order to maintain the health and safety of our school community, the following mask policies are in place:
 - Holy Cross School **REQUIRES** consistent and correct mask use for students in all situations where they are unable to maintain social distance of at least six feet. This includes all areas of the school building. We **require** that all students, regardless of vaccination status, wear their masks in common areas and hallways.
 - Masks are **NOT REQUIRED** outside of the school building but are encouraged if proper distancing is not possible.
 - In each classroom, teachers will encourage students to wear their masks consistently and correctly. While in the classroom, students may remove their masks while seated at their desks. Pre K students will be given multiple opportunities to take mask breaks and teachers will work with families and students that struggle with their masks.
 - Students **will be required** to wear a mask on all school buses. This applies to all school activities.
 - All Holy Cross teachers, staff and volunteers. are **required** to wear a mask when they are unable to keep appropriate social distance. This applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- *The Holy Cross community is built on respect. All members of our school community and their beliefs will be respected therefore there will be no tolerance for behaviors that are contrary to our code of conduct. The act of bullying based on masking or vaccination status will not be tolerated and may result in progressive discipline for any offending individuals.*

Illness Procedures

- Holy Cross School requires that:
 - Students and school personnel to stay home if they are showing signs and symptoms of infectious illness.
 - Parents screen their children for symptoms prior to their child arriving at school each day.
 - Any student exhibiting the following symptoms **may not** attend classes:

▪ Fever, chills	▪ Nasal congestion
▪ Shortness of breath	▪ Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
▪ Sore throat	▪ Fatigue
▪ Loss of taste or smell	▪ Muscle or body aches
▪ Headache	
 - Testing for any individual with symptoms compatible with COVID-19.
- Any student that is absent from school must have a parent call to notify the office of the absence. Students that are absent for two or more days **MUST** have a doctor's note or negative COVID test to return.
- Students that exhibit any COVID symptom in school, must remain out of school until they receive a negative COVID test or remain out of school for 10 days from the start of symptoms.

Quarantine Procedures:

- In the event of a positive case within the classroom we will follow the quarantine protocols outlined by the Monroe County Health Department. **Masked students will not be subject to quarantine.**

Social Distancing

- There will be a distance of at least 6 feet will be required between students and teachers/staff. It is also required between teachers/staff that are not fully vaccinated.
- Classrooms will be set up to maintain a distance of six (6) feet between students and teachers/staff. In classrooms that 6 feet is not possible, student desks will be equipped with additional protections such as plastic screens. This allows for students to remove their masks while seated.

Vaccinations and Testing

- Holy Cross School strongly encourages eligible individuals to receive the vaccine. It is our belief that vaccinated individuals help to reduce the spread of COVID. However, Holy Cross **will not mandate** vaccinations for any eligible individual.
- Holy Cross School **will not administer** COVID testing to any student, faculty, staff or community member this school year. Members of the school community that exhibit symptoms or request testing will be directly to local health sites to be tested.

Remote Instruction

- Holy Cross School will provide in school, five day a week instruction. **There is not be a full year distance learning option at this time.**
- **Students that may need a distance learning option are required to make a formal request to the principal. Requests will be granted at the start of each quarter and the learning model may not be changed until the end of the quarter.**
- Students that are required to quarantine due to a positive test or exposure to a positive individual will have a home instruction plan developed by the classroom teacher and school administration.
- In the case of multiple students/classrooms requiring quarantine, a classroom distance learning plan will be developed.

Morning Screenings

- Parents are strongly encouraged to take their child's temperature prior to sending them to school each day.
- At school, students may be screened at the door and a temperature will be taken. If a student registers a temperature above 100.5, they will be asked to separate from the group and their temperature will be retaken 15 minutes later. A second high temperature will lead to the student being sent home and they will miss that day and the following day.
- Any visitor or parent entering Holy Cross School will be screened upon entry.

Health Questionnaire

- There will be no daily health questionnaire for students,
- School visitors **are required** to complete a daily health questionnaire.

Sanitation

- Holy Cross will continue to sanitize each desk and classroom at the end of each day and between classes in common areas such as the Art Room, Music Room, Computer Lab and Gymnasium.

Handwashing

- Holy Cross will:
 - Encourage adults and students to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Remind everyone in the school community to wash their hands frequently.
 - Provide hand sanitizer in each room and near common areas for situations where handwashing isn't possible.

“Specials”

- Classes that are able to meet the 6 feet social distancing guideline will be allowed to use the art and music room. Classes that are unable to meet the guideline will remain in their homeroom for those classes.
- The gymnasium will provide for social distancing as much as possible, masks will be strongly encouraged for activities that do not allow for an appropriate social distance. Parent requests will continue to be the guideline for masking in Physical Education.

Outdoor Play

- Students are **not mandated** to mask outside, but they are encouraged to mask if they are in areas that don't provide for an appropriate amount of social distance.

Lunch

- Students will continue to eat within their classrooms to maintain the appropriate and safe social distance.

Visitors

- Parents and other visitor access will be limited during school hours. Parents will be required to drop their child at the door and will not enter the building unless deemed necessary by the principal or staff.
- Any school visitor will be checked at the main office and will be escorted to their desired location within the school.

Building Use

- The use of the building for non-school events will be limited to Holy Cross groups only. Individual classrooms and student desks will not be used by outside groups.