

Response to COVID-19 School Re-Entry Plan

Diocesan Schools of Marshall & Ohio Counties



The DWC Catholic Schools of Marshall and Ohio Counties are special places where faith, mission, and community are core values, central to the spiritual and personal development of our students. We continue our commitment to providing daily experiences that enhance students in this light and that challenge them to fully realize their God-given potentials as part of our ongoing COVID-19 response. Each member of our school communities will have an important role in implementing these plans for a safe return to school.

To this end, our schools, with guidance from the Marshall and Ohio County Health Departments, have worked diligently to develop a school reopening plan which will allow for in-school learning during the 2020-2021 academic year with the following priorities: the safety and well being of faculty, staff and students; the educational excellence that is the hallmark of our schools; the spiritual and emotional growth of our students. This plan may be updated regularly based on the guidance of local and state health officials. School principals will share updated information with parents via the school information system.

Temperature / Health Screening



All students and employees will be required to complete a daily home self-screening. Parents should check their child(ren)'s temperature daily as part of this screening. Each school may also choose to do temperature checks on students and staff as they enter the school building or at any time during the school day. Anyone with a temperature of 100F or other COVID-19 related symptoms must stay home from school or will be sent home.

Visitors & Volunteers



Visitors to the school building will be limited as much as possible. All pre-approved visitors/volunteers will be required to wear a mask and have a temperature check before entering the building. If a parent needs to pick their child(ren) up early, they will be required to wait outside the front of the school and the student will be dismissed to them. This is to help limit any exposure to our students and staff.

Cleaning & Disinfecting



Enhanced cleaning protocols have been established to disinfect the classrooms daily and deep clean weekly. Classrooms with multiple uses will be wiped down between each class. Staff will be provided the necessary supplies.

Mass, Large Gatherings & Events



School masses will follow the protocols in place by each parish which may require alternating mass schedules between classes. All athletic sporting events must adhere to state and local guidelines. Strategic social distancing guidelines will be observed for all gatherings, large and small.

Strategic Social Distancing



All students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear a mask in the classrooms, restrooms, hallways, and common areas where social distancing is limited. Seating will be arranged to maximize social distancing and limit face-to-face contact. Each school will utilize all available spaces including the cafeteria and outdoor learning spaces.

Transportation



We highly encourage our students to be transported to school by parents or guardians. This is safer for all at this time. Bus transportation routes may be changing and limitations may be put into effect. If a child does need to utilize bus transportation, they will be required to wear a mask on the bus and wash their hands upon arrival.

In the event that a student tests positive for COVID-19, the school will work with the Ohio and Marshall County Health Departments and follow their directives. Refer to your school's reopening plan for more details.