



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SCHOOL

School Reopening Plan

July 29, 2020



The following is the reopening plan for Nativity of Our Lord School. The plan was created with guidance and recommendations from the Diocese of Buffalo, The New York State Health Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local school administrators.

The success of our safe return will require every member of our community to work together. Each of us must be ready and willing to create a culture of cooperation and responsibility, and to make a daily commitment to protect the health of all who are learning, teaching, and working at the school. I am confident that our community can meet this challenge.



Daily Schedule

Nativity of Our Lord School will be presenting in person learning to students Monday through Friday. The daily schedule will be consistent with start times, classroom times, lunch times and dismissal times from past years.

Changes that will be seen and must be followed are:

- Masks on at all times (mask breaks will be given periodically)
 - Maintain proper social distancing when possible
 - Proper hand washing and sanitizing throughout the day
 - Don't touch other people's property
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Face Coverings and Masks

Faculty, staff, students and any individual entering the building will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be provided to all teachers and all classrooms will have a supply of masks, as well as gloves, in the event that a teacher or student is in need of them. Additionally, staff and students will be allowed to wear clear face shields during the school day. When unable to adhere to social distancing guidelines, individuals will be asked to wear a mask along with clear face shields.

Disinfection

Hand sanitizer will be available at all school entrances, lavatories and throughout the building. Disposable wipes will be available in all homerooms, classrooms, cafeteria, offices and common gathering areas. Proper hand-washing techniques will be reviewed with all students by the school nurse and should be used throughout the day.



Arrival

Arrival into the building will be handled at one location, the school doors by the church parking lot. As students arrive to the building they will be required to have a mask on and will have their temperatures taken.

Students arriving to the school between 7:30-8:00 am will be asked to wait in the cafeteria. Students arriving between 8:00-8:20 am will be asked to report to their homeroom. Students arriving to school after 8:20 am will be asked to report to the Main Office to have their temperature taken. In the event of a fever, any student or faculty member will be sent to the Health Office for further evaluation.



Classrooms

Six feet of physical space has been achieved in many of the homerooms, by rearranging homeroom desks and removing non-essential classroom items. In addition, all classroom desks and teacher desks will have desk top shields.

Moving Throughout the Building

The flow of students throughout the building will be noted on the floors in the hallway and will be reinforced by teachers and administration during the school days. Students will be asked to “Keep right” when moving throughout the building and maintain social distance.



School Masses

Liturgy services will be adjusted for the 2020-2021 school year. Nativity will follow all state guidelines regarding mass attendance numbers. Monthly all-school masses will be live-streamed and viewed with classroom touchscreen monitors.

Cafeteria

Cafeteria tables will be spaced apart six feet. The eight foot long tables will allow for two students to be at the table, one at each diagonal end of the table. This spacing will allow the school to maintain the three lunch times that are currently scheduled.

Playground

The playground will be used in accordance with New York State Department of Health Guidelines. Currently, the playground can be open to students with face coverings. All equipment must to be cleaned, with antibacterial wipes, following any use by students.



Visitors to the Building

All health care workers, visiting district personnel, kitchen staff, custodial staff, parents or volunteers to the building will be required to wear a mask, practice established social distancing requirements and report to the Main Office. Any items being delivered to school will be left in the Main Office and arrangements will be made to get the item to the student.

Community Considerations

If a student feels unwell, or if anyone else in his/her household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, he/she should stay home. Everyone in our community must take an active role in ensuring the welfare of others. Families are encouraged to practice safe behavior when home or socializing and to limit opportunities for potential exposure. Care should be taken when traveling outside of WNY to adhere to the New York State Guidelines.

Travel

Any faculty, staff or student that has engaged in travel that the CDC and New York State has indicated should be subject to a 14-day self-isolation must adhere to the requirements of that self-isolation. Please see the complete list of all states at:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>



Transportation

All bus transportation needs will be handled by surrounding school districts. All surrounding districts have been contacted and have let the administration of Nativity of Our Lord School know that regardless of their school day set-up, provided school is in session and face-to-face, all standard transportation needs will be accommodated.



Positive COVID-19 Test Return to School: Any individual who screens positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment with all of the following: documentation of evaluation by a health care provider (health care provider note clearing a person to return to school), negative COVID-19 testing, and symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, release from isolation as required by DOH and NYSED Guidance



Shutting Down if a Serious Outbreak Occurs

In the event of a COVID-19 related school shutdown all faculty, students, staff and parents will be notified via a school-sent email. Faculty, students, staff and parents will be asked to watch local television coverage for more information. All faculty will be prepared to implement distance learning on a specific date following the school shutdown, and families will be made aware of this date via a school-sent email, as well

Plan for Continuation of Program Under Shutdown

Nativity of Our Lord School will continue instruction via online resources in the event that the school is shutdown at some point during the school year or in the event that the school year does not start with in-person instruction.



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