

## **COVID-19 – Safety Plan 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – PARENT/GUARDIAN**

In developing plans for the 2021-2022 school year, the Diocese of Oakland is required to implement the health and safety standards established by the California Department of Public Health and/or the county in which your school is located. If there exists a conflict, the Diocese of Oakland will follow the more stringent standard. This document is incorporated by reference into the Parent–Student Handbook at the school your child/ren attends. Please thoroughly read the applicable reopening guidelines.

[CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#)  
[Alameda County 2021 – 22 School Guidance](#)

[Contra Costa County COVID-19 Information & Resources](#)

### **Expectations for Parents/Guardians/Students/School Employees:**

Parents, guardians, students and school employees must work together to create a healthy school campus. Working together requires the following:

1. Anyone entering the school campus must comply with the applicable county COVID-19 requirements. Failure to comply is a violation of law. Unless specifically exempted by the applicable county health guideline, anyone entering the school campus must wear a mask covering his/her nose and mouth. The school will limit visitors to those visits essential for the school's operations and limit the duration of time a visitor shall be on campus.
2. No parent, guardian, student, employee or visitors shall enter the school premises if that person has: (a) received a positive test result for COVID-19; (b) has sought medical treatment for COVID-19 symptoms; (c) is quarantined or self-quarantined because of COVID-19, whether diagnosed or not; or (d) has a temperature of 100 or greater. In all such cases, the person shall not enter the campus without obtaining written medical clearance and providing it to the school principal.
3. All parents, guardians, students and employees must immediately notify the school principal if a student or employee has come into contact (through living arrangements or otherwise) with any person that has: (a) received a positive test result for COVID-19; (b) has sought medical treatment for COVID-19 symptoms; or (c) is quarantined or self-quarantined because of COVID-19, whether diagnosed or not. In any of these situations, the person will not be allowed on school property, until the minimum county isolation/quarantine requirements have been met.
4. During the 2021-2022 school year, the school will require parents, guardians, students and employees to answer basic health screening questions related to COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Further, once present at school, if an employee, student or visitor exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, the school may conduct health screening and isolate the person, consistent with county guidelines. (No medical testing, blood or saliva draw will be performed.)

With the above guiding principles, the following are general expectations for the 2021-2022 school year:

**The School Will:**

1. Ensure janitorial services occur on school days after school hours.
2. Have an adequate supply of liquid soap and disinfecting supplies available for use by employees, students and janitors both in the classrooms and bathrooms.
3. Have a limited amount of surplus masks for students should they lose, soil or misplace their own masks while at school.
4. Determine when parents, guardians or visitors shall be permitted on campus, the duration of such visits, as well as what face coverings they shall be required to wear on campus. These determinations will be posted at the building entrance(s) and on the school website. The school may restrict the number of visitors to the school building, both during and after school hours. The school may refuse entry to visitors who do not comply with the county's requirements, or the school's visitor requirements.
5. Communicate in writing with employees and parents/guardians regarding protection measures for COVID-19, including changes in practices that start after the school begins.

**Parents/Guardians Will:**

1. Check your student for symptoms of COVID-19 daily before he/she attends school. A list of COVID-19 symptoms and a self-checker is available on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) and guardians are to submit any information requested by the school regarding the presence or absence of any COVID-19 symptoms before your student arrives at the school entrances. Provide students with appropriate face coverings for their nose and mouth, and clean or replace such protective coverings as necessary.
2. Provide students with personal water bottles and small bottles of liquid hand sanitizer to carry in backpacks for use in class, at lunch or during recess. Explain these water bottles and liquid hand sanitizer bottles should not be shared and should be marked with the student's initials.
3. Explain to your student the importance of wearing of face coverings when required. Explain to students the importance of not touching other students, and not touching other students' backpacks, clothing, cell phones, food or personal property.
4. Comply with all face covering requirements of the applicable county guidelines.

### Principal Will:

1. Prepare plans for the operation of the school that comply with county health guidelines.
2. Supervise school teachers and staff responsible for overseeing compliance with county health guidelines.
3. Identify a location for isolation of anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. Follow the isolation procedures in the county guidelines. Promptly communicate with any parent or guardian whose student has been placed in isolation with COVID-19 symptoms.
4. Make arrangements for the cleaning of HVAC systems before beginning in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Communicate to employees and parents/guardians in writing regarding protection measures for COVID-19, including changes in practices that occur after the start of the school year.
6. Maintain an adequate supply of face coverings and disinfectant supplies throughout the school.

### Teachers and Staff Will:

1. Be available and participate in all training provided by the school regarding COVID-19. Be available and assist the principal in (a) monitoring and assessing students for COVID-19 symptoms; (b) monitoring students to wear face coverings, consistent with county health requirements
2. Require students to wear face coverings while indoors, utilizing county health and safety guidelines.
3. Maintain extra face covering supplies in the classroom and inform the principal in case of anticipated shortages.
4. Allow for adequate ventilation of classroom, including keeping windows and hallway doors open to allow air to circulate as feasible, while complying with any county fire regulations limiting open hallways doors.

**Waiver and Release of Liability:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created serious, unexpected challenges for the entire world, including our schools. We are dedicated to the goal of resuming the mission of providing Catholic education in the classroom and taking reasonable mitigating measures. At the same time, there is no ability on the part of the school to guarantee a virus-free school environment.

The undersigned expressly understand and assume the risk of contracting COVID-19. Further, the undersigned expressly waives and releases any and all claims or lawsuits against the Diocese of Oakland, its affiliated corporations, parishes or schools, including clergy, agents and employees, arising from or related to alleged negligence concerning any type of harm or injury caused by COVID-19. This waiver of liability and release shall be enforced to the full extent permitted by California law. Parents/guardians signing this waiver and release of liability are signing both on behalf of their children and themselves.

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Parent/Guardian Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Student Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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