

**Health and Safety Plan Summary: Saint Michael School**

**Initial Effective Date: August 25, 2022**

**Date of Last Review: 2024-2025 School Year**

**Date of Last Revision: August 8, 2024**

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

*Saint Michael Catholic School will continue to take steps to maintain the health and safety of its staff and students. During the 2024-25 school year, Saint Michael School will continue to monitor the latest recommendations from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, PDE, PADOH, and CDC and update its Health and Safety Plans, as needed and as appropriate.*

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

*Saint Michael School will provide in-person instruction to all students. In the event that any short-term school closures are necessary, remote learning will be provided, as needed, utilizing our learning management system, online conferencing tools, paper/pencil activities.*

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a> ;	Masks will be optional for all students, faculty, and staff.  Recognizing that the situation with Covid-19 remains fluid, Saint Michael School may require students to wear masks in additional situations if circumstances change or if state or federal mandates are issued. Factors that may influence changes to the mask policy would include an increase in the Covid-19 transmission levels, illness of a family member, or travel to a high positivity area.

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	<p>*Students will follow the rules of their public school district regarding masks when utilizing district transportation.</p> <p>All staff will follow the same masking rules, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>The impact of the pandemic has affected every Catholic school in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown over the past 18 months. As students, families, administrators, faculty, staff, and pastors look forward to the new academic year, the diocese remains committed to the health and safety of everyone. While the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, all school communities are encouraged to maintain a spirit of flexibility, patience, understanding, and profound respect for the wishes of others and each individual situation.</p> <p>Saint Michael School will continue to communicate with all students, families, faculty, and staff as developments occur.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Saint Michael School will continue to socially distance when feasible within classrooms and other spaces throughout building. If circumstances change and numbers increase, St. Michael School will socially distance students 3 to 6ft from each other.</p> <p>Teachers will be encouraged to consider each situation to determine how to maximize distancing.</p> <p>The maximum number of students in any given classroom will depend on the size of the classroom and will vary from classroom to classroom.</p> <p>Saint Michael School will utilize outdoor spaces surrounding the school as weather and conditions permit.</p>

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<p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>	<p>Students will be reminded by teachers, staff, and through daily announcements about proper hygiene including covering coughs and sneezes, handwashing, the need for social distancing etc.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available for all faculty, staff, and students.</p> <p>Cough etiquette will continue to be promoted. Tissues and hand sanitizer will be made easily accessible to encourage proper response to coughs, runny noses, and sneezes.</p>
<p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>	<p>Classrooms are to be cleaned and disinfected daily. Teachers and staff are to have access to wipes and sanitizing sprays which can be used throughout the day as necessary. Hand sanitizing stations are to be located throughout the school. Air purifiers with HEPA filters are in all spaces in the school.</p> <p>As feasible, classroom windows may be opened to allow for increased ventilation.</p>
<p>e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Saint Michael will comply with the quarantine and isolations as directed by the PA Department of Health (DOH). These orders of quarantine/isolation will be communicated through the Diocesan Education Office (DEO) to the school and will occur ASAP after the DEO receives the paperwork about the exposure or COVID+ diagnosis from the COVID response person at the school. All paperwork must be filled out immediately upon notification of an exposure or COVID+ situation and turned into the DEO as soon as it is completed.</p> <p>Exposure to COVID:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch for symptoms for 10 days</li> <li>• Wear a mask around others indoors for 10 days</li> <li>• Test 5 days after exposure, or sooner if you have symptoms</li> <li>• If you test positive, follow isolation guidance</li> </ul>
<p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Families and staff will be reminded on a regular basis about monitoring for COVID 19 symptoms and the need to stay home when necessary.</p> <p>Depending on the level of transmission rates, daily temperature checks will be conducted with non-contact thermometers for a health screening purpose prior to entering the school for the day.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<p>When Saint Michael School receives vaccination information, we will share the information with families.</p>

<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Saint Michael School will provide reasonable accommodations, when feasible, to students with disabilities with respect to health and safety strategies.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Saint Michael School will work in conjunction with the Diocesan Education Office. Their office will coordinate with state and local officials for all Catholic schools in the diocese.</p>

