

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

**Initial Effective Date: August 16, 2021**

**Date of Last Review: 2020-2021 School Year**

**Date of Last Revision: September 3, 2021**

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 2021-22 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. In addition, local data will serve as a guide to determine the impact of the virus in our local county and community.*

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. Free meals for all students will be offered in accordance with the available programming.*

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> ;	<b>Saint Michael School will follow the Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health directing face coverings in School Entities which requires masks to be worn indoors at schools.</b> <b>The order is available at...</b> <a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/Order%20of%20the%20Acting%20Secretary%20Directing%20Face%20Coverings%20in%20Schools.pdf</a>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>*Students will follow the rules of their public school district regarding masks when utilizing district transportation.</p> <p>Parents may request that their child wear their mask all day, apart from lunch and recess. Please notify the school in writing if making this request. This option will be honored and respected.</p> <p>All staff will follow the same masking rules, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>All non-staff visitors to the school, including parents and volunteers, will be required to wear masks at all times when in the building, 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 have a minimum of three feet distance between the spacing of student desks in the classroom and students physically in the cafeteria and other areas of the school utilized by the students.</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>

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	Saint Michael School will utilize outdoor spaces surrounding the school as weather and conditions permit.
c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a> ;	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.
d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a> ;	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. HVAC system filters are to be maintained on a predetermined scheduled basis to help with air quality throughout each building.
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;	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.
f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;	Families and staff will be reminded on a regular basis about monitoring for COVID 19 symptoms and the need to stay home when necessary.  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.
g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a> ;	When Saint Michael School receives vaccination information, we will share the information with families.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Saint Michael School will provide reasonable accommodations, when feasible, to students with disabilities with respect to health and safety strategies.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	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.

