

# St. Charles Borromeo Academy

## Fall 2021



In partnership with the St. Charles Borromeo community and parents of the St. Charles Borromeo Academy scholars, we come to you to share our vision for education during this challenging time due to COVID-19.

This plan has been prepared utilizing the following recommendations:

- KCSJ Diocesan Task Force
- American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Local and State Health guidance
- SCBA Task Force

In order to ensure the highest levels of safety possible for all, we share these norms:

All members of our school/center communities and visitors to campus:

- Will wear masks, wash hands regularly, and follow physical distancing norms.
- Will take responsibility for maintaining a healthy environment.
- Will treat others as people worthy of respect and deserving of a safe environment.
- Will comply with self-quarantine guidelines after potential exposure to COVID-19 or travel according to CDC guidelines.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

We all play a role as we navigate our current circumstances. In our diocesan schools, parents are expected to:

- Monitor your child's health each day prior to his/her participation in programs at the school/center, including taking your child's temperature and keeping your child at home if he/she meets any of the following conditions:
  - Exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Has recently had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
  - Has recently traveled outside the United States.

- Has recently traveled to a high-risk area as defined by the CDC.
- Notify the principal/director of your school/center if your child exhibits any COVID-19 risk factors listed above.
- Educate and encourage your child to comply with physical distancing requirements and person protective equipment (PPE) to promote the health and well-being of your child and others.

## **Handwashing**

- Scholars will sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water before moving from one class to another.
- Increased frequency of handwashing or hand sanitizing will be required.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms.
- Teachers will teach/reteach proper handwashing techniques to all scholars.

## **Masks/Face Shields**

- All faculty, staff, scholars, and visitors will wear masks when inside the building.
- Masks will not be worn outside at recess.
- Scholars will need to provide their own masks that are clean and fit well.
- Persons who regularly cough or sneeze for any reason may be asked to wear a mask at all times.

When teachers, staff, and scholars who are not fully vaccinated but consistently and correctly wear a mask, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masking will be required as stated above for the 2021-22 school year (or until restrictions are lifted) for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

## **Social Distancing:**

Based on studies from the 2020-2021 school year, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between scholars within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. Since all scholars are required to mask, teachers are allowed to group scholars in pods.

## Daily Building Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting (per CDC guidelines)

- SCBA will develop a routine for cleaning and disinfecting the building during the school day as well as after school.

## Health Procedures

- Individuals presenting with one or more of the symptoms below, or who test positive for COVID-19, will be excluded from the school/center.
- Symptoms of illness and possible COVID-19, including, but not limited to, the following list (CDC, MO School Board Association):
  - Fever 100.0 or greater
  - Cough
  - Chills
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
- Scholars who present with symptoms of illness will be removed from the classroom, sent to the nurse or office for a temperature check, and potentially sent home.
- Dismissal when ill
  - Parents will be called to pick up scholars within a reasonable time frame (30-40 minutes) for the health and comfort of the student and to reduce the exposure of illness to others.
  - Individuals should not come to the school/center if exhibiting symptoms of illness or COVID-19 symptoms without other obvious medical reasons or explanations. They will be sent home immediately.
- Return to school/center
  - Individuals must be free from the following symptoms for **48 hours** (2 days) (CDC) without the use of fever/pain reducers (i.e., Tylenol, ibuprofen, Naproxen, aspirin), anti-nausea or diarrheal medication (i.e., Imodium, Pepto Bismol), cough/cold medication.
    - Fever at or greater than 100.0 degrees
    - Runny nose or nasal congestion (not allergy-related)
    - Cough (continuous and consistent)
    - Headache

- Sore throat (unless diagnosed by a health care provider for strep or other explanation)
- Has doctor approval to return to school

### **Reporting a Sick Child to the School/Center**

- Parents have a responsibility to report a scholar who is sick to SCBA.
- SCBA will develop a procedure to track the type of symptoms sick scholars are exhibiting such as temperature, symptoms, length of current symptoms.
- Records are to be maintained in a safe, confidential file for one year.

### **Lunch**

Scholars will not be required to wear masks while eating lunch. Scholars will need to put their mask back on once they are finished eating their lunch. They will be socially distanced at tables during lunch time.

### **Quarantine Procedure**

Our goal is to keep as many scholars attending school face to face. At this time, with everyone in the building wearing masks, if someone in a class tests positive for COVID-19, we will not need to quarantine the entire class. The person who is COVID-19 positive will need to follow the isolation protocol and return to school when it is safe to do so.