



Villa Maria Academy

School Re-Opening Plan – Initial Phase For Fall 2020 in response to Covid-19

The Task Force for Re-Opening School at Villa Maria Academy, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Chester County Health Department, has met to formulate this very general re-opening plan that permits students to return to campus in a manner that reduces health-related risks while maintaining an environment in which we focus on the educating the whole child.

Villa will provide virtual and on campus learning with the necessary campus and classroom modifications needed to support the recommendations of the PDE, the Chester County Health Department and our students safe return to school on September 1, 2020. This umbrella plan will be further delineated as the Task Force meets to examine all aspects of school life at Villa Maria Academy.

Temperature Screening

Students, teachers, and staff will be required to be temperature checked daily upon arrival. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 °F or above will be sent home. A doctor's note will be required prior to coming back to school. Random temperature checks may be done throughout the day. Anyone with a temperature or feeling ill should stay at home to maintain a healthy school environment.

Visitors and Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our school community but, at this time, we will not be asking for volunteers to assist in school. This recommendation is made to limit the exposure of our students, faculty, and staff. Any visitor to Villa will be temperature-checked at the main office.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces in the classrooms and common areas daily. High touch surfaces will be regularly disinfected throughout the day. Students will not be asked to clean and/or disinfect surfaces.

Mass and Large Gatherings

At this time the celebration of school liturgies will be planned for students only. Social distancing will be maintained similar to the methods used in our local parishes.

The committee will continue to discuss the possibility of large group gatherings on campus.

Strategic Social Distancing

All adults will wear masks or some type of facial covering in school. Students in grades K-8 will be required to carry a mask and wear masks in large group gatherings, in the hallways, and on the playground where social distancing cannot be maintained. Social distancing in the cafeteria will be maintained.

Academics and Virtual Learning

Students will begin the 2020-21 academic year on campus with the expectation that specific health and safety procedures will be followed. Virtual learning experiences will be available for students who may be quarantined. At risk students or students whose family member(s) are at risk are invited to discuss their needs with the school administration.