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# Holy Family Catholic School

## Covid-19 Toolkit 2021-2022



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## Health & Safety Protocols & Procedures for 2021-2022

### **School Day**

- School begins Tuesday, August 24th for all grades, K-8 from 7:35a.m. - 11:15a.m.
- Transportation to and from school from August 24 - 27 will be provided by parents, as Grand Blanc Schools are not in session. Grand Blanc buses will begin to run on Monday, August 30. Those planning to ride the bus should be receiving information from the Grand Blanc Bus Garage soon.
- Our school days will include lunch in the cafeteria for all students, daily specials, All School Mass, recess and classes while following safety protocols.
- Social distancing, hand washing, mask breaks and the use of the outdoors for instruction when feasible will occur on a daily basis.
- Virtual instruction will be utilized in place of face-to-face instruction IF school has to shut down due to an outbreak of Covid-19.

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- All students, teachers, staff in grades PreK-8 will be required to wear facial coverings throughout the day during inside school activities, classes, and indoor extracurricular activities. Facial Coverings may be homemade or disposable and will need to be either washed daily or disposed of daily. Exceptions to this are as follows:
  - No masks while students/staff are eating at lunch or snack. However, masks are required while moving around the cafeteria or eating space as well as when lunch is completed).
  - No masks during designated facial covering breaks.
  - No masks when students are engaged in outdoor activities.
- Additionally, all attendants at Holy Family School will also be required to wear facial coverings during indoor activities.
  - This includes extracurricular and parent activities (Meetings, Open Houses, etc.)
- Students transported by the Grand Blanc School Buses are required to wear a facial mask covering both nose and mouth.

Masks will not be required for the following:

1. Persons in the act of eating or drinking.
2. Persons outside if not engaged in activities involving direct physical contact.
3. Persons under the age of five years, although supervised masking is encouraged.
4. Neurodivergent students of any age attending school, although supervised masking is encouraged.
5. Teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or neurodivergent students who benefit from facial cues. These teachers or staff must be vaccinated or comply with masking directive. (See p. 3)
6. Persons who have a current medical reason confirmed in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan. (See p. 3)



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### Exemptions:

Medical exemptions allowed under the order are as follows:

- While neurodiversity covers a multitude of neurological differences, for the purposes of this order masks exemptions for this category are limited only to persons with: 1) an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Plan **AND** 2) that would benefit from facial cues and use of a clear face mask is not possible. Both conditions 1 and 2 must be met. Parental signature alone will not suffice.
- Persons who have a current medical reason in writing from a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan. Parental signature alone will not suffice. The following are conditions that may require a medical exemption (medically fragile).
  - Category A (automatic eligibility)
    - Brain tumor, unspecified
    - Hodgkin's Disease, unspecified
    - Leukemia, lymphoid unspecified
    - Sarcoma, Lymphoma and other unspecified Cancers
    - Sickle Cell Anemia Disease (excludes Sickle Cell Trait)
    - Thalassemia
    - Spina Bifida, unspecified region
    - Tracheostomy, complications of Hemophilia, unspecified coagulation defects
    - Rheumatoid Arthritis
    - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
    - Students enrolled in the homebound program (permanent and intermittent)
    - Immunocompromised states (weakened immune systems from genetic defects or medications)
    - All Solid Organ Transplants
    - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
    - Cystic Fibrosis
    - Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Category B (eligible, if attendance is below 75% yearly)
    - Asthma, unspecified
    - Cerebral Palsy, unspecified
    - Colitis, noninfectious, unspecified
    - Crohn's Disease (regional enteritis, unspecified site)
    - Congenital Anomalies, unspecified
    - Chronic Kidney Disease/End-Stage Renal Disease
    - Heart Disease/Hypertension
    - Down Syndrome
    - Diabetes
- Teachers who are working with children who are hard of hearing or students with developmental conditions who benefit from facial cues. These teachers or staff must be vaccinated or comply with masking directive.

There is no religious exemption to the mask mandate. Courts in our federal district and the Sixth Circuit have recently dismissed such religious challenges.

*(8.27.21 Superintendent Memo\_Further Guidance on 8.12.21 Public Health Order\_FINAL)*



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### Contact Tracing and Quarantine Protocols

- Identifying “Close Contact” in the school setting:
  - If ALL students are masked with minimal movement in the classroom and no physical activity, 3 feet is required for contact tracing. (Gym, band, lunch would require 6 feet for contact tracing.)
  - If universal masking is NOT used, 6 feet is required for contact tracing. Everyone within 6 feet must quarantine.
  - Fully vaccinated individuals remain exempt from quarantine after exposure, as long as they remain symptom free. For the fully vaccinated, the CDC and GCHD require masking when indoors for 14 days following exposure. (Please keep in mind, we do still need to notify parents that their student was exposed.)
    - If you would like to share your child’s proof of Covid-19 vaccination record, please send a copy to the school nurse, Mrs. McAvoy, at [schoolnurse@hfsgb.org](mailto:schoolnurse@hfsgb.org).
- Outdoor Contact tracing:
  - Close contacts are only those with direct physical contact. Indoor sports or recess would use the typical “within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more cumulative”.

### Responding to Positive COVID-19 Cases and Close Contacts

- Holy Family will continue to follow guidance from and partner with the Genesee County Health Department for quarantine recommendations and procedures.
- Parents/guardians and staff shall notify school administration immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 .
- In the case of a positive test identified by a laboratory or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school, families will be notified to encourage closer observation for any symptoms.

### Screening Students, Staff, and Volunteers\*

- Parents/guardians will monitor students for symptoms of infectious illness every day (not just COVID) through home based screenings.
- Staff members will monitor their health for symptoms of infectious illness daily.
- Volunteers/visitors\* will need to sign in and should monitor their health for symptoms of infectious illness prior to entering the school. (\*As we move back into our typical daily routines, we will be taking a slow approach bringing volunteers back into our building. While we have truly missed having your help, we want to be cautious. We will begin to bring in volunteers, beginning with help in the library and cafeteria in October. Volunteers will be required to wear a mask or face covering.)
- Students and staff who become ill at school with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be placed in an identified quarantine area until pick up and will wear a facial covering until they are picked up from school.

### Hygiene/Cleaning

- Holy Family School will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).
- In addition, Holy Family administration and staff will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Soap, hand sanitizer, and other hygiene products will be checked frequently throughout the day and an emphasis will be placed on frequent hand washing when possible.
- Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, will undergo regular cleanings.
- Student desks will be wiped down at the end of each day with Chlorox/Lysol wipes.

### Classroom Spacing, Movement, and Visitors

- To the feasibility of the classrooms, students will be spaced out a minimum of 3 feet to accommodate the class size.
- Seating charts will be maintained.
- Students and staff will be allowed to travel to and from classrooms.
- Efforts will be made to socially distance people in the hallways, bathrooms, and other high volume areas to the best of the school’s ability.



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### Gatherings and Extracurricular Activities

- Social distancing and seating charts will be utilized for lunch.
- Non-liturgical group gatherings and extracurricular activities are allowed. If indoors, masking is required.
  - Changes could occur as local health data and health department guidance deem it.
- Field trips may resume, dependent on availability and offerings.
- Students using Extended Care will following masking requirements.

### Athletics

- Holy Family School will comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) .
- Students, teachers, and staff will use proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other gathering. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without any symptoms prior to any event.
- All participants must have their own labeled water bottle. Sharing of water bottles is prohibited.
- A facial covering will be required during all inside athletic events by athletes, coaches and spectators.
- Health and safety protocols for sporting events at host sites will be followed by all in attendance.

### Busing

- Facial coverings will be required for all students, teachers, staff, bus personnel and volunteers when using the school bus.
- Bus personnel will maintain seating charts.
- Bus windows will be opened as much as possible to improve ventilation.
- When feasible, windows will be opened by school personnel for ventilation.
- No eating or drinking allowed on the bus.

### Social Emotional/Well Being

- School Personnel will continue to monitor the spiritual, mental, physical, social, emotional and academic well-being of all students and staff, providing intervention, assistance, and support when needed.

### Entrance Procedures

- Morning Drop Off: All students K-1, 3-8 should use curbside drop off in the upper parking lot. All families with a 2nd Grade student and their siblings will drop off in the St. Joseph Parking lot next to the playground. ALL students (2nd Grade and siblings will be directed to use the stairs near the garden and enter through the door next to the Art Room and their classrooms. Siblings will be directed to their classrooms as well. \*Kindergarten parents and their students should park in the FBPC and walk their child to the awaiting Kindergarten teachers. They will meet you outside.) Please pull your car up to the sidewalk and have your child(ren) exit the car using the door closest to the sidewalk. All students will enter the building at specified doors. (Lobby: K-1, 7-8; Orchard Street: 3-6; Art door: 2; Preschool (Mrs. Babiasz): Cafeteria doors; Preschool (Mrs. McNally): Preschool door
  - Students may arrive by 7:25am. HFS staff members will be outside to greet students. School begins at 7:35a.m.

### Exit Procedures

- Pick-Up will begin at 2:50p.m. for those riding the bus, 2:55p.m. for those being picked up by a parent (Pick up for K-1, 3-8 is in the UPPER lot; Pick up for Grade 2 & their sibling(s): St. Joseph Center lot).
- Any student not picked up by 3:05p.m. will be taken to Extended Care and charged accordingly.



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### Lunch/Recess Procedures

- All students K-8 will have lunch in the cafeteria. Hot lunch will be available for purchase.
- Students being socially distanced to the best of our ability.
- Masks are not required to be worn outside.
- Recess will be split by cohorts (K, 1 / 2, 3 / 4, 5 / 6, 7 / 8)

### Extended Care Procedure

- All students, staff, and parents will be required to wear a facial covering.

### Visitor Procedures

- Building access will be limited as a safety precaution. (We will move forward cautiously as we begin to add volunteers in October.)
- All volunteers/visitors must wear a facial covering.
- Any items delivered by parents during the school hours should be placed on the cart outside of the school lobby..



# COVID-19 Daily Home Screening Checklist for Parents

## COVID-19 Symptoms

Does your child have:

- ✓ *Fever (greater than 100.4 °F)?*
- ✓ *Uncontrolled cough?*
- ✓ *Shortness of breath?*
- ✓ *New loss of taste or smell?*

OR **TWO** of the following:

- *Muscle aches?*
- *Chills/Sweating?*
- *Sore throat?*
- *New onset of severe headache?*
- *Congestion/runny nose?*
- *Vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain (considered one symptom)?*

If any students experience any of the above symptoms, they must stay home until negative PCR test or alternative diagnosis or out 10 days from illness onset if not testing. If doctor provides an alternate diagnosis and does not test for COVID-19, student may return to school provided he/she is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, no vomiting or diarrhea for 48 hours. Siblings may return immediately (**Must wear a mask for 14 days**).

If doctor tests for COVID, the student must isolate while awaiting results. **Siblings** (if no symptoms of sickness/covid) may come to school and self monitor for symptoms. Genesee County Health Department will be notified and may instruct the school to notify close contacts at school to quarantine while awaiting results.

**NEGATIVE:** Student is OK to return to school when feeling better and 24 hour fever free. Siblings monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days (**Must wear a mask for 14 days**) but can remain in school.

**POSITIVE:** Student must continue to isolate per CDC guidelines. Following a positive test result, student can return to school 10 days **AFTER** symptoms first appeared **AND** symptoms are improving **AND** 24 hours fever free (without the use of medication).

IF siblings cannot be separated, the siblings will need to quarantine for 20 days; 10 day per isolations period for the ill household member + an additional 10 days\*\*\* of quarantine.

IF siblings can remain isolated away from ill student, the siblings must quarantine 10 Days **OR** on Day 7, siblings can get a PCR Covid test and return to school with negative test results but they **must wear a mask for 14 days**..

\*\*\*Day 7 PCR Covid test could be administered. Negative = return to school but **must wear a mask for 14 days**.



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- **Any student traveling internationally or on cruise ships** will be expected to self-quarantine for 7 days upon return to the U.S. A Covid test may be done between day 3-5. If negative test result, student may return.

**PCR-** Covid test that is sent to laboratory for results, is most reliable. Results in 24-72 hours

**Rapid-** Covid test (Antigen). These test take 15 minutes and are more easily obtained. Less reliable.

**Antibody-** This is test is a blood test that will show if your body has been exposed to Covid 19 and built up an immunity to Covid 19.

## SCHOOL QUARANTINE (Exposure Guidance)

If the COVID-exposed student was:	Then they must:
Vaccinated, regardless of masking and distancing	Test on day 3, 4 or 5 and monitor symptoms and wear a mask for 14 days
Distanced 3-6 feet and masked AND the COVID-positive student was masked	Monitor symptoms and continue to wear a mask for 14 days
Less than 3 feet apart and masked AND the COVID-positive student was masked	Stay home for 7 days, return after day 7 WITH negative PCR test OR return after day 10. Must wear a mask in school until day 14.
Unmasked OR the COVID-positive student was unmasked	Stay home for 7 days, return after day 7 WITH negative PCR test OR return after day 10. Must wear a mask in school until day 14.