

# Office of Catholic Education

# **COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)**

January, 2021 *for* 

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#### Introduction

In July of 2020 each of the 18 elementary schools, as members of the Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation, submitted Waivers to Reopen. Each county's Public Health Director, in the 5 counties where these Catholic schools reside, approved these waivers and sent the waivers to the California State Public Health Office for approval. All of the 18 elementary schools were allowed to open for inperson instruction in either September or October. During the period of in-person instruction from September until the winter break on November 25, 2020, there was no outbreak of the virus due to the strict compliance of the Diocesan Reopening Guidelines. All 18 of the elementary schools can continue in person with the approved Waiver as long as the case rate of each county remains below 25 per 100,000. It is understood that the new criteria and requirements replace those in the Elementary Waiver that allowed all Catholic schools to open in the fall. All waivers approved prior to this date remain valid.

The two Catholic high schools, Garces Memorial in Bakersfield and San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno, were allowed to open once Kern and Fresno Counties were in the Red Tier. These schools used the hybrid model and they too prevented any spread of the virus during the time before and since the winter break. Our high schools remain open even though these two counties have moved into the Purple Tier as is allowed by the state of California.

This new document includes all the components for safety laid out in the January 14, 2021 document, COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework and Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year. Attached to this document is the COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist, completed by each principal for each school as well as one compilated checklist from the Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Fresno. This reporting shall continue every other Monday (or the Tuesday immediately following, if the Monday is a state holiday) until this directive is modified or rescinded.

#### **Before Students Arrive - Daily Requirements**

#### Check for Ample Supply of:

- Hand sanitizer (allergy and fragrance free).
- Disposable 3ply face masks (one for each employee for each day worked and/or cloth masks enough for each employee that at the end of the workday can be properly washed).
- Disposable 3ply face masks one per student per day; who may come to school without one.
- Disinfectant for frequent cleaning of all classrooms, offices, and work areas.
- Disposable gloves for custodial and office staff and anyone serving food.
- Thermo thermometer (no contact thermometers).
- Printed questionnaires for each employee regarding daily COVID-19-exposures.
- Eye protection for custodial employees.
- For those with trouble breathing, have a supply of face shields which include a cloth drape attached across the bottom and tucked into shirt.
- Check sub-list for availability and share guidelines and ensure training with all substitutes.

#### Physical Space Walk-Through:

- Check tape or reminder aids that mark where students stand in line to enter classrooms, restrooms (when capacity is reached inside), at entrances to the school, and at other crowded areas to help students with social distancing requirements.
- Ensure desks are 6 feet apart in all instructional spaces—w/o students facing each other.
- There should be no shared use tables in classrooms.
- Check that all iPads, Chromebooks, and tablets have been sanitized the night before.
- Ensure that all areas of the school building have been thoroughly cleaned with approved "child safe" sanitation products and that areas have been fogged.
- Check the walking "circulation flow" so students are not crossing paths while moving in hallways.
- Check all technology services and internet strength to provide the best virtual instruction.
- Check the secure area for sick children maintaining social distancing (6 feet).
- Meet deliveries to ensure that all safety precautions are taken by vendors.
- Check all signage for proper placement (exterior and interior).
- Remove all cloth toys, upholstered furniture and bean bag chairs from classroom.
- Check for cleanliness where meals are served outside or in classrooms no cafeteria use.
- Mark areas where recess is held in specific separated and designated groups.
- Perform safety check on ventilation systems and air quality and make adjustments based on air quality metrics for each day.

#### Communication and Enforcement of Changes:

- Parents must have received, signed and returned agreement form for all safety protocols.
- Parents must be provided with the list of COVID-19 symptoms and instructed to keep their child at home if the child is feeling ill or has symptoms of COVID-19, even if symptoms are very mild, and to get their ill child tested for SARS-CoV2. 2 (see attached).
- Online offerings in all grades must be communicated to all parents as an option with specifics for how to participate in classes virtually.
- All school meetings, other than faculty meetings, should continue using *ZOOM* or *WebEx* virtual platforms.
- All gatherings of large groups are prohibited, including whole school Masses and assemblies.
- All student field trips will be virtual until further notice.
- Ensure that all drop-off and pick-up instructions for parents/guardians are followed.
- No in person school tours considered non-essential and increase risk of transmission.
- Ensure school-wide communication system that allows staff and families to self-report symptoms and receive prompt notifications of exposure, exclusions and closures is in good working order.

#### Ongoing Staff and Faculty Training:

- All employees, including substitutes, must be trained on safety protocols prior to starting.
- Staff members must be provided with the list of COVID-19 symptoms and instructed to call in sick and stay home if having symptoms of COVID-19 and to get tested for SARS-CoV2.
- All employees will be trained on proper use, removal and washing of cloth face coverings.
- All employees will be trained on the confidentiality surrounding health recording and reporting (FERPA).
- Preparedness training is provided if someone gets COVID-19 or in the event of a shut down.

#### **In Person Instruction - Daily Safety Requirements**

- Hand sanitizer is located at all entrances and is filled at end of each day.
- Enrollment is capped so that 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained in all classrooms and student contact areas between teachers, aides, and students.
- Restrooms are sanitized frequently during the day and thoroughly at the end of day.
- Classrooms and all office space are disinfected after contact with others.
- For disinfection, diluted or 70% isopropanol (according to CDC guidelines), and soap and water are used for cleaning as well.
- All children entering campus have their temperature taken. Any child with a temperature
  greater than 100.4, will sit quietly for 15-20 minutes and then have his or her temperature
  taken again. If the temperature is still greater than 100.4, child will be sent home
- Conference rooms, teacher breakrooms, and offices are carefully monitored for social distancing compliance and access may be limited.
- There is no sharing of refreshments during meetings to limit the risk of contamination. Snack items, candy, and drinks are not provided by the school.

- Playgrounds and gyms are only used by one group at a time and cleaned after each use.
   Free play is limited to ensure safe distancing.
- Hands are washed often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol is used if soap and water is not available.
- Students are taught and reminded to cover their mouths and noses with tissue when they cough or sneeze or use the inside of their elbow.
- All thermometers are cleaned before storing for the night.
- Air Scrubbers (<a href="https://www.airscrubberadvancedbyaerusca.com/">https://www.airscrubberadvancedbyaerusca.com/</a>) have been installed throughout the school. The ActivePure Technology removes or destroys up to 99% of all surface and airborne contaminants

#### FOR ALL EMPLOYEES – ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF:

- Schools ensure that staff are tested asymptomatically by their primary care provider or by referring teachers to a community testing site, as testing capacity permits. Testing frequency include all staff being tested over 2 months, where 25% of staff are tested every 2 weeks, or 50% every month to rotate which staff members are tested over time.
- Elementary students must remain in stable groups with fixed membership that stays together without mixing with any other groups.
- Junior High's and High Schools use block scheduling, a hybrid in-person model or teams of teachers who work with a set group of students they share.
- Custodial staff wear single use gloves and eye protection while cleaning. Hands are washed at least 20 seconds immediately after gloves are removed.
- All employees will be screened before entering the building. Temperatures must be recorded on a log sheet. Anyone who displays any symptoms (fever over 100.4) should be sent home and not allowed to enter.
- If someone is known to be caring for someone with the symptoms of COVID-19, he or she may not be on campus until such care is completed and they have quarantined for 14 days.
- All employees must wash hands/sanitize when entering campus.
- All employees, while on campus, wear a face mask. A face shield is permitted for teaching language arts, but a mask is required after completion of lesson.
- Office staff wears masks and gloves during high volume contact times.
- Employees preparing and serving food always wear gloves and masks.
- The Diocese of Fresno encourages staff members to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 but does not mandate the vaccine for any employee.

#### **FOR TEACHERS:**

- High school teachers take temperature before each class due to co-mingling of students.
- Windows and doors are opened to increase fresh air quantities and filtration. Student desks are placed with ventilation behind them.
- 6 feet of distance is maintained between desks of students and teacher desks.
- Teachers provide initial and routine instruction in social distancing and health practices to their students. Reminding students to keep masks on except while eating their lunch.

- Classroom instruction is delivered respecting social distancing, 1:1 with student devices, whole group, etc.
- Teachers kindly remind students to use a tissue and cover their nose and mouth when they sneeze or use the inside of their elbow throughout the day.
- Teachers supervise students so that they wash their hands often for a minimum of 20 seconds or for students in grades TK-12 use hand sanitizer when soap is not available.
- If an employee or other person becomes ill at work or while on campus, he or she is instructed to go home or and to the nearest health center for diagnosis and possible testing.
- If diagnosed with COVID-19, employee will self-quarantine at home for 14 days until the person has recovered and is cleared with a negative test result.
- At the end of every day, all desks, doorknobs, light switches, shared surfaces, etc. are cleaned with approved disinfectant, wipes or soap and water.
- There is no sharing of all educational materials; except perhaps, iPad, or Chromebooks which are disinfected (wiped clean) prior to another student handling them.
- Social distancing guidelines are followed across all grades and groups. No comingling of grades and/or groups except in high schools.
- There are no physical contact games for PE or recess.

#### **FOR STUDENTS:**

- All students must wash hands/sanitize when entering campus.
- Students are tested symptomatically and in response to case exposure.
- Students in grades Preschool (over age of 2) through Grade 12 are required to wear a mask while on campus except while eating or napping for preschoolers.
- If a student refuses to wear a mask, the student must be excluded from on-campus instruction, unless they are exempt, until they are willing to wear a face covering. Students excluded on this basis are offered other educational opportunities through distance learning.
- A cloth face covering, or face shield is removed for meals, snacks, naptime, or when it needs to be replaced. When a cloth face covering is temporarily removed, it is placed in a clean paper bag (marked with the student's name and date) until it is put on again or worn on a lanyard.
- Elementary students always remain with their class or cohort, including structured recess.
- All teachers and students do not visit another classroom outside of their grade level.
- Any student showing signs of illness has his or her temperature taken in the office and placed in a special room set aside for ill students. Students with a temperature above 100.4 degrees or showing any symptoms of illness will be isolated and sent home.
- Students will cooperate with social distancing and masking in which they are instructed, or they are not allowed to be on campus.
- Students use the restroom at designated times, and the number of students is limited to the number of sinks available in the restroom.
- Students eat lunch in designated areas and with their own class.
- Lunch is brought to students; students do not go to cafeteria to get their lunches.
- Students are required to have their own supplies (pencils, crayons, scissors, etc.); sharing of supplies will be prohibited.

• Students participating in youth sports will wear a mask when participating in conditioning activities, even with heavy exertion, both indoors and outdoors.

#### **FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

- All parents/guardians will always wear a mask while on school property.
- All adults must always observe proper "Social Distancing," of six feet.
- Adults must follow all instructions given by school administration.
- Parents are not admitted onto campus or into classrooms prior to, or during, the school day.
- Students are dropped off at a pre-designated area for proper screening and temperature checks, while maintaining proper social distancing (six feet).
- Any student who arrives after the 1<sup>st</sup> bell has rung, is dropped off at the school office for screening and temperature check (the gate is locked with the start of school).
- No volunteers are allowed on campus.

#### **GUIDANCE ON TRANSMISSION:**

- The principal notifies the local health officer of any known case of COVID-19 among any student or employee who was present on a school campus within the 10 days preceding a positive test for COVID-19. Specifically, school shall report the following information:
  - The full name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the individual who tested positive;
  - The date the individual tested positive, the school name at which the individual was present on-site within the 10 days preceding the positive test, and the date the individual was last on-site at the school.
  - o The full name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.
- This information is reported to the local health officer by telephone within twenty-four hours from the time an individual school is first made aware of a new case.
- This reporting continues until this directive is modified or rescinded.
- Information reported to the local health officer pursuant to this directive will not be disclosed except:
  - (1) to the California Department of Public Health;
  - (2) to the extent deemed necessary by the local health officer for an investigation to determine the source of infection and to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including with health officers in other jurisdictions as necessary to monitor, investigate, prevent, and/or control the spread of COVID-19;
  - (3) if required by state or federal law;
  - (4) with the written consent of the individual to whom the information pertains or the legal representative of any student or staff member who has any symptoms of the virus or reports that they have been exposed will be sent home immediately or if notified by phone, will not be allowed to come on campus until the results of a COVID-19 test are complete.
- An employee shares his or her results with the Diocesan Health Officer and Superintendent. The principal is notified if the employee is safe to return.

- Parents must have a letter from a qualified physician stating that the child is safe to return to school or present a negative rest result. That letter/test result must be shared with the school principal before the child is allowed back to school.
- Staff are tested periodically by their primary care provider or by referring teachers and staff to a community testing site, as testing capacity permits and as practicable. Examples of recommended frequency include all staff being tested over 2 months, where 25% of staff are tested every 2 weeks, or 50% every month to rotate which staff members are tested over time. Under the CARES Act, Covid-19 testing is covered by the Diocesan Health Plan with no cost to the individual being tested.

#### **School Closure Determinations:**

Individual school closure is based on the number of cases:

- Within a 14-day period, has occurred in 25% or more of stable groups in the school.
- Within a 14-day period, at least three outbreaks have occurred in the school and more than 5% of the school population in infected.
- The LHO has determined school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation cases in multiple cohorts at a school or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/student/staffs are cases are positive within a 14-day period, depending on the size and physical layout of the school.
- The Local Health Officer has determined school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

Schools may typically reopen after 14 days and the following have occurred:

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Public health investigation
- Consultation with the local public health department

#### **RESOURCES**

Community Care Licensing Covid-19 Licensed Child Care Facilities FAQ's: <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/community-care-licensing/child-care-licensing/covid-19-child-care-resources/faqs-for-licensed-child-care-facilities-and-providers">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/community-care-licensing/child-care-licensing/chil

#### **APPENDICES – See below**

Appendix A: COVID-19 Screening Checklist for Non-Medical Employees

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#### Appendix A. COVID-19 Screening Checklist for Non-Medical Employees

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Headache Sore Throat Shortness of Breath

Fatigue

Loss of taste or smell Unexplained body aches



#### COVID-19 SELF MONITORING CHECKLIST

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SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION Fever of 100.4 or high Cough		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	

If you answered YES to any of the above, then it is not safe to enter the building. – Please do not come into work.

In addition to self-monitoring your symptoms, please continue to:

Had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with or who may have symptoms associated with COVID-19

- ✓ Wash your hands often, and for at least 20 seconds at a time.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people.
- ✓ Cover your coughs and sneezes with the sleeve of your shirt or coat.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects such as workstation, keyboards, computer mouse, telephones, doorknobs, light switches, chair armrests, countertops and handrails.
- ✓ Do not use other workers' phone, desk, office or computer.
- ✓ Call your doctor if you have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

<sup>\*</sup>This document needs to be saved at the school office, in the employee personnel file for two (2) years.

#### Appendix B. Diocese of Fresno Re-Opening Disclaimer

As we gradually and cautiously re-open our Catholic Schools for educational services in accordance with state and federal directives, please note the following:

The school will take every precaution it can to disinfect these premises and arrange for approved "Social Distancing" to ensure your safety and the safety of your children from the coronavirus.

#### By entering this school, all individuals agree to the following:

- To acknowledge that the school cannot guarantee you or your child's safety when attending on campus or other school activity
- To take all responsibility for your own well-being and health against the Novel Coronavirus and hold the school and Diocese harmless (not liable) since the virus can be spread by those who are asymptomatic
- If your children are vulnerable, ill or afraid of infection; consider the online option offered by the Catholic Schools.
- To observe proper "Social Distancing" of six-feet at all times on school or parish property
- To obey all instructions given by school leadership, faculty and staff while on campus
- To wear a mask while entering, present and exiting the school grounds
- To pray for the well-being and health of one another

Posted:	Date, 2021	
Signature		
	School Administrator	

#### **Appendix C. Bussing Guidelines**

In order to practice physical distancing on a school bus, the seating capacity must be reduced. This may necessitate the use of a seating chart to designate which seats are available for use.

Routing is the responsibility of the school's transportation department. High schools and other transportation departments need to evaluate the needs of the student's, routes needed, and transportation resources required while following all bussing guidelines.

#### **Bussing Guidelines:**

- Determine maximum capacity for students of each vehicle while meeting 6-foot physical distancing requirement.
- Create a plan for seating based upon maximum capacity determined above, and develop a plan for bus routes that accommodates the capacity limitations.
- Mark or block seats that must be left vacant. Sample seating options
  - Option 1: Seat one student to a bench on both sides of the bus, skipping every other row
  - Option 2: Seat one student to a bench, alternating rows on each side to create a zigzag pattern on the bus
- Instruct students and parents to maintain 6-foot distancing at bus stops and while loading/unloading the bus
- Seat students from the rear of the bus forward to prevent students from walking past each
  other. To prevent students from walking past each other, afternoon runs should be boarded
  based upon the order in which students will be dropped off. (Students who get dropped off
  first should board the bus last, and sit in the front)
- Students and staff must wear face coverings at bus stops and on buses
- Follow all cleaning practices per CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility guidelines
- Vehicles may have exceeded a 45-day maintenance or inspection date while sitting out of service during the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Vehicles need to meet all maintenance and inspection requirements before being placed back into service in accordance with <u>Title 13 CCR</u> <u>1232 Periodic Preventive Maintenance Inspection</u>
- Schools and drivers need to make sure the vehicle's certificate is still valid and that 13 months
  from the last inspection have not been exceeded in accordance with <u>Vehicle Code 2807 Lawful</u>
  Orders and Inspections

#### Appendix D. Is it COVID-19, allergies, or the flu?

#### Is it COVID-19, ALLERGIES, or the FLU?

The flu season is here. A frequently asked question is how do I know if I have the flu? Or is it COVID-19 or just allergies. Below is comparison of the symptoms of COVID-19, allergies and the flu. If you are still worried and your symptoms are not getting better, please see your doctor. There are also free COVID testing sites available. <a href="https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/covid-19-testing-sites/">https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/covid-19-testing-sites/</a>

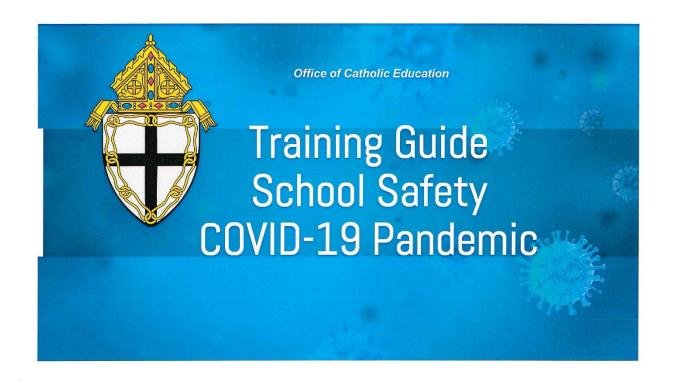
Symptoms	COVID-19	Seasonal Allergies	Flu
Fever/Chills	common	rare	common
Shortness of Breath	common	never (unless person has respiratory condition triggered by allergies such as asthma)	rare (unless in presence of severe illness)
Loss of Taste and/ or Smell	common	rare	rare
Sneezing	rare	common	sometimes
Cough	common	common	common
Body Aches (severe)	common	rare	common
Stuffy Nose	common	common	sometimes
Sore Throat	common	common	sometimes
Nausea/Vomiting	sometimes	never	sometimes
Diarrhea	common	never	sometimes
Headache	common	common	common
Itchy Watery Eyes	rare	common	never
Fatigue/ Weakness	common	rare	common

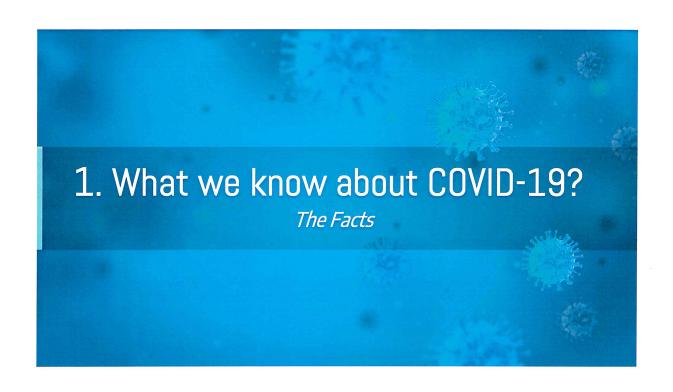
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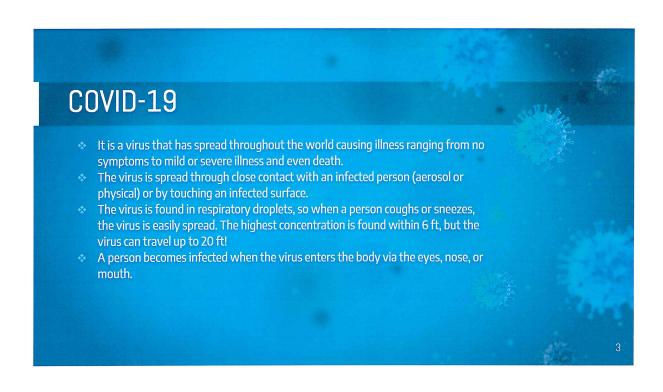
#### Resources:

CDC "What is the difference between COVID-19 and seasonal allergies?" Aug. 12 2020 CDC Influenza (Flu) "Flu Symptoms and complications" Aug. 31 2020

**Appendix E. Training Guide School Safety COVID-19 Pandemic** 



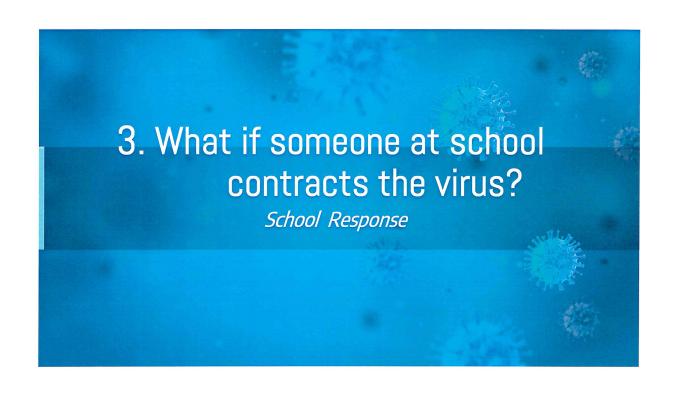


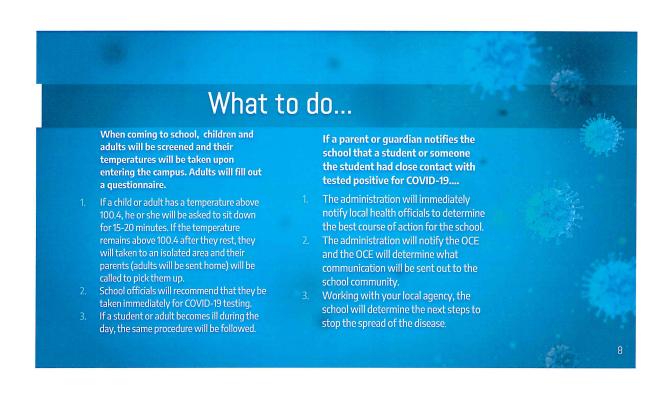




# Maintain social distancing-Stay at least 6 ft apart. Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth. Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60-70% alcohol (wait until hand sanitizer is completely dry before touching surfaces). Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose with unsanitized hands. Use a tissue if you must cough or sneeze and immediately throw the tissue into a trash. Stay home when you're sick to avoid infecting others and spreading the disease. Keep frequently touched surfaces clean and sanitized. Know the symptoms Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea.









# Confidentiality

## Never

Share information or hearsay about students with other parents, staff members, students, etc.

Administrative Handbook-Policy 4620, 8153

### Never

Share information or hearsay about colleagues with other.

Administrative Handbook-Policy 3510, 8153

# **Always**

Refer questions about other students and staff members to your administrator.

Administrative Policy-3510, 4410

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# Have a Plan in Place

#### **Online Learning**

- Be sure to survey parents to determine the families' online learning capabilities.
- Decide as a faculty what platforms sites, apps you will use.
- Keep learning focused-less is more, consistency is helpful to parents.
- Have a schedule set for face to face sessions.
- Practice using all platforms and apps with students so that they know how to use them in the event of a return to online learning.

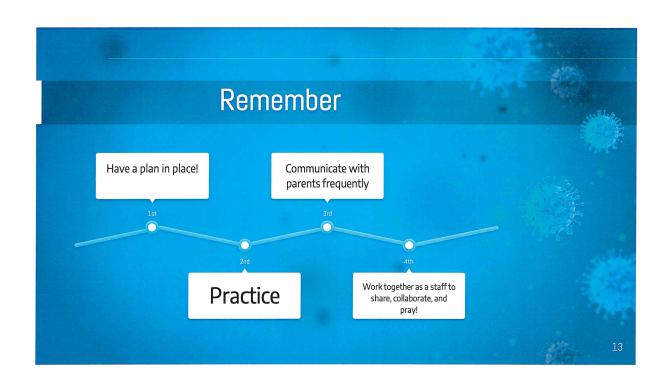
#### **Parent Communication**

- Keep parents abreast of any changes.
- If there is a return to online learning, have back-to-online learning nights with parents so that they understand how these lessons will work.
- Communicate students' progress to them frequentlyemail, notes, phone calls.
- Listen to their questions, validate their concerns, explain your reasons.

#### Supplies/Materials/Resources

- Plan ahead of time to determine what materials students would need in case of a sudden
- Have a list of supplies students might need to work at home in addition to those supplied by the school. Be ready to assist families with these supplies in the case of a hardship.

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# Let's review some concepts

#### **Prevent the Spread of Virus**

Wear a mask

Maintain Social-Distancing

Wash your hands and sanitize surfaces frequently.

#### **Know the Symptoms**

→ Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, pages/yomiting/diarrhea

#### **Be Prepared**

Have plans in place for a possible return to online learning.

#### **Maintain Confidentiality**

All communications about COVID-19, including information about sick adults or children will be handled through the administration.

#### **Communicate**

Maintain open lines of communication with your administration and parents.

#### **Pray**

We are not alone in this!

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#### **Appendix F. Air Scrubber Brochures**