

Saint Boniface Catholic School

Pre-K to Grade 6

Safe Opening Plan 2021-2022



Safe Opening Plan



As a private school, Saint Boniface Catholic School will follow the guidelines and plans of the Diocese of St. Cloud. These plans take into consideration the guidelines of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), CDC, MDE and other resources to implement a safe opening plan for our school that prioritizes the health and well-being of students and staff, while also endeavoring to provide the highest quality Christ centered education. We will communicate with the St. Cloud Diocese, ROCORI District and watch the local county case rates for COVID-19.

This plan is subject to change depending on requirements, mandates, and case rates. There may also be changes in order to make school events & functions possible.

Learning Models:

- **In Person Learning**-In person learning is the standard and focus of our educational efforts. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students who are absent. We will not be providing extensive alternative learning models.
- **Cohort Learning** - Grade levels will limit their interaction with other classes, use larger spaces, and practice social distancing.
 - If needed we have the ability to move into a very tight Cohort learning model, where classes will only have close contact with their grade levels.

Health Screening



Health Screening:

| Students | Staff | Parents/Guests | Volunteers |
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| Parents will screen their child before school each morning. | Staff screen themselves each morning before school. | The administrative assistant will screen all parents and guests before entrance into the school building. | Volunteers will screen themselves before they come to school. |

We require that you do not administer Tylenol or any other fever reducing medications to your child prior to sending them to school.

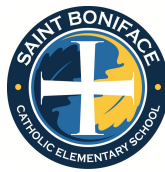
Health Screening



Screening Checklist for parents/guardians before school or for guests before they enter the building:

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| 1. | Take temperature before entering school building. Temperatures of 100.4 or more is a fever. |
| 2. | Verbally confirm with person being screened that there is no fever, shortness of breath or cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. (Not everyone with COVID-19 has all these symptoms and some people may not have any symptoms.) |
| 3. | Visually inspect person being screened and confirm there are no signs of illness which could include, flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, or difficulty breathing, fatigue, or extreme fussiness. |

Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 may not come to school. They can return to school when symptom-free and without using medication to reduce symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours.



Admittance into School Building

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For the safety of the students, all visitor admittance will be limited into the building. We encourage parents/guardians to communicate as much as possible through phone, email, SchoolSpeak, and the white envelopes.

All parents and guests will be screened by the administrative assistant before admittance.

Unvaccinated visitors are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings.

| Parents | Guests | Volunteers |
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| Parents will only be allowed to enter the building if they have a scheduled meeting with a staff member, teacher or administrator. | Guests will only be allowed to enter the building if they have a scheduled meeting with a staff member, teacher or administrator. | Volunteers will be approved by the administrator before the start of the school year and will sign and agree to the school protocols, consent form, and screening process. |

Tracking:

The administrative assistant will keep record of who enters building, health screening, where and who they visit, time and date.

COVID-19 Test Results



- **Lab-confirmed case of COVID-19**
 - **Employees or students who have a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 may not return to school until all of the following are true:**
 - It has been at least 10 days since they first felt sick or tested positive.
 - They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms have substantially improved.
 - They have had no fever for at least 24 hours, without using medication that lowers fever.



Reporting Cases, Close Contacts & Quarantines

- **To identify potential exposures, we will gather and review the employee or student’s activities during the time they were infectious, two days prior to the date symptoms started, or two days prior to the positive test if no symptoms.** Close contacts include those who were within 6 feet of the infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
 - **If the student with the confirmed infection and the close contact were both wearing properly-fitting masks, closed contact students are not required to quarantine.**
 - **Household members (siblings, e.g.) attending the school are considered close contacts of the infected person.**
- **All visitors will be notified who are identified as close contacts as soon as possible.** Visitors are advised to watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- **We will utilize quarantine measures for employee or student close contacts to suppress potential transmission of COVID-19.**
 - **Unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine for ONE of the following:**
 - **10 days, if no symptoms develop and no COVID-19 test is pursued**
 - **7 days, if no symptoms develop and the close contact has a negative lab-confirmed (PCR) test no sooner than 5 days after the date of exposure**



Vaccinations & Quarantine

- Fully vaccinated persons and those who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, including household members also in the school, are not required to quarantine, unless they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. **Schools must verify vaccination status for students or employees in order for them to not be required to quarantine.**
 - This may be accomplished by presentation of a vaccination card to the school. Schools are not required to file copies of vaccination cards, and are expected to maintain confidentiality and discretion with this information.
 - **The vaccinated person must have reached fully vaccinated status at least 14 days prior to the exposure.**

Communication



- **Communication**
 - **The principal will communicate to all parents and stakeholders if policies and practices change.**
 - The principal will communicate regularly and review the recommendations of MDH, CDC, Stearns County Health, the St. Cloud Diocese.
 - The schools protocols and safety plan will be shared with school board, parents and students, community members, and staff.
 - All parents, students, and visitors entering the building will have clear instructions of the protocols.
 - Instructions for entering the building and health screening will be placed on the doors.
 - Information will be communicated through SchoolSpeak, school website, Facebook and other social media platforms.

Health and Wellbeing : Protective Measures



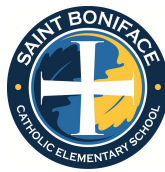
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting**
 - Surfaces that are commonly touched will be regularly sanitized.
 - The school facility will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized nightly in accordance with MDH guidelines.
- **Face Coverings**
 - Staff and students are not required to wear a face covering at this time. Face coverings are recommended to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Face covering may be required for certain school events or functions.
 - Face coverings are required by all persons riding public transportation.
 - Face coverings may be required during periods of high transmission rates of COVID-19.
 - The office will have extra face coverings for students and adults.
 - **If the student with the confirmed infection and the close contact were both wearing properly-fitting masks, closed contact students are not required to quarantine.**
 - **School employees support a culture of understand and respect among all students, parents and staff and stigma will not be brought to anyone who chooses to wear a mask.**
- **Frequent Hand Washing Breaks**
 - Staff and students will be required to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and after touching commonly shared surfaces and shared spaces.
 - Morning/afternoon snack, before/after lunch, after playground/recess, or other times when surfaces or items have been shared.
 - Hand sanitizer is for use when hand-washing is not available.



Health and Wellbeing : Protective Measures

- **Social Distancing**
 - Social interactions, connections, and contact are extremely important for kids. We will create social distancing while being attentive to the social and emotional needs of our students.
 - Assigned seats will be used in the classroom and lunchroom.
 - More intense measures of social distancing may be required.

- **Water Fountains will have limited and minimal use**
 - Students are required to bring their own water bottles.
 - Water bottles will go home daily so they can be washed and filled with fresh water.
 - Student are encouraged to use the water fountain to fill their water bottles and not for drinking.



School Day: Morning Drop Off

- **K-6 Students**

- Drop off will be allowed at 7:45 a.m. in the south parking lot area. (See map for drop off locations.)
- **Parents are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to school between 8:05-8:15 to allow for less students waiting and improve social distancing.**
- Beginning at 7:45 a.m. students will be allowed to enter the school. Students will sit and wait in the hallway by grade level until they are dismissed for class. Students should read a book or quietly talk with their neighbors at this time.
- At 7:45 a.m. a staff member will be supervising bus/parent drop off while another staff member will be supervising the hallway,
- 8:05 a.m. dismissal to classrooms will happen from the hallway.

School Day: End of Day Dismissal and Pick Up



- **K-6 Buses**

- **Buses will be loaded at 2:45-2:50.** Teachers will partner to allow one teacher to walk to busses with students and another to supervise classrooms.
- **2:45 Grade levels will begin to load busses starting with the 6th grade and then moving down.**
 - K-3 grade teachers stay outside to assist in supervision.

- **K-6 Parent Pick up is at 2:50-3:00 at only the LOWER LOT Sept. 9 and on**

- **2:50 Grade levels will exit to the family spots starting with the 6th grade and then moving down.**
- See the map indicating the flow of traffic.
- Pick up will be allowed outside the school doors along the sidewalk.
- Parents are asked not to park in the parking lots.
- Parents will drive up, in a drive through format, to pick up their child(ren).
- The first car in line will be loaded with their child(ren) and will leave. The next car will move forward to load, etc.
- Students will stay with the teachers until their car is the first one in line.



School Day: Pre-K Drop Off and Pick Up

- **Pre-Kindergarten Drop Off**

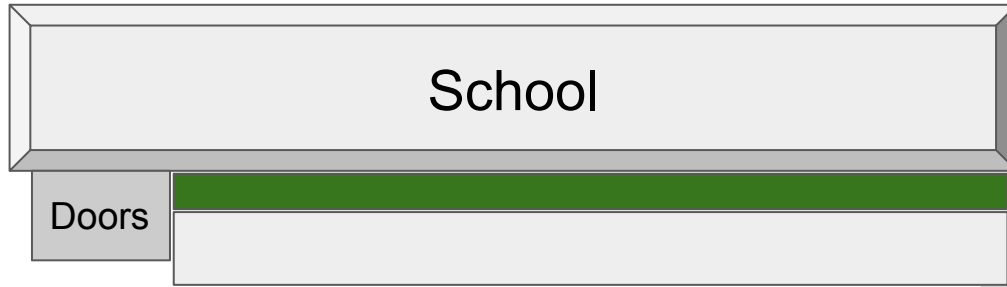
- Families are encouraged to wait until 8:15 AM to drop if possible.
- Pre-K students can be dropped off as early as 8:00 AM.
- Parents will walk their child into the main doors of the school.
- Pre-K drop off of preschoolers will wait in the hallway by their Pre-K door.

- **Pre-Kindergarten Pick Up**

- Parents pick up at 11:25 AM (half day) or 2:45 PM (full day).
- See the map on the next page that indicates flow of traffic.
- Pick up will be allowed outside the school doors along the sidewalk.
- Parents are asked not to park in the parking lots.
- Parents will drive up, in a drive through format, to pick up their child(ren).
- The first car in line will be loaded with their child(ren) and will leave. The next car will move forward to load, etc.
- Students will stay with the teachers until their car is the first one in line.
- Pre-K students will be allowed to wait with their older siblings.



Pre K
Playground



Pick up
Drop off

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~~NO PARKING~~

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Parking Lot
Entrance





Pre-Kindergarten Classroom

- **Masks are not required for Pre-K Students**
 - Pre-K students are welcome to wear a mask; parents will provide this mask.
 - Social distancing precautions will be taken.
 - Pre-K students will follow the Pre-K plan approved by the DHS.



School Day: Lunch

- **Lunch**

- Chairs will be spaced out.
- Spacing marks will be placed on the floor to create spacing in lunch line and tray drop-off areas.
- Grades will be assigned to tables and seats.
- Extra time will be allowed for lunch lines and added cleaning between lunch sessions.
- All tables will be cleaned and sanitized between sessions.
- Volunteers will be decided by cooks and cafeteria coordinators and approved by the administrator.
- Training for volunteers will include hand washing and county/state mandated training.
- The headcook will continue to meet with the county inspectors and the mandated lunch requirements.
- Sanitizing stations will be created.



School Day: Recess

- **Volunteers**

- Volunteers must follow our screening process before entering the building or going to the playground.
- Masks are not required, but are encouraged while in the building.

- **Coming in from outside**

- Social distancing will be maintained as students enter the building.
- Students will wash their hands after recess.

- **Inclement Weather**

- Recess will be in the classrooms.
- Students must stay in their classroom.
- Lunch will remain in the parish center.



School Day: Specials

- **Computer class & Library**

- Spacing will be provided and encouraged.
- High touch surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Only 1 class will attend at a time.

- **Music & Physical Education**

- Music will be at the DEF building.
- Specific Entrance doors will be assigned to our students.
- Grade levels will attend their music and physical education time together.
- Teacher and students will follow school and ROCORI District safety protocols.

School Mass-8:30 AM on Thursdays



- **School Mass**

- School Mass is on Thursdays at 8:30 AM
- All are welcome to join us for Mass.
- Parents and visitors are asked to sit in the back of the church and not with any students.
- Students will remain seated with their classes.