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## StJB Fall 2020 Return to School Protocols – July 29, 2020

We are currently in the **YELLOW** risk level per SCHD

<https://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/>

Based on guidance from Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Commissioner Dr. Matt Blomstedt, the Sarpy/Cass Health Department (SCHD), Diocese of Lincoln, our StJB return to school team of teacher representatives, administrators, nurses, nutrition services, along with other stakeholders, have been working hard developing protocols for returning to school. This document provides a brief overview of some key items. We intend to keep the health and safety of students and staff members at the forefront of our planning. As we proceed in this uncertain COVID-19 environment, let's remain respectful of others and their perspectives.

We are all in this together and will get through this together.

*\*Protocols are subject to change, based on guidance from the NDE and the SCHD.*

Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Based on current health guidance from the <a href="https://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/">Sarpy/Cass Health Department</a>, we plan to return to school with 100% of students in-person and a mask requirement.</li><li>● We plan to follow the 2020-2021 StJB Calendar, with the exception of some activities that may change due to restrictions, No open house on August 17, we will have school Sept. 11, Grandparents day will be moved to the spring. Please see attached Calendar for specifics and TBD dates. View calendar at <a href="http://www.stjbcatholic.com">www.stjbcatholic.com</a>.</li><li>● Specific daily schedules will be determined by teachers and administration.</li></ul>
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students and staff are required to wear masks upon entering the school building.</li><li>● Students and staff may provide their own face coverings.</li><li>● Face coverings will be available for those that need them.</li><li>● School provided masks will be washed daily. Personal masks can be taken home and washed accordingly.</li><li>● Masks will not be required during lunch, P.E., outside recess or when classes are held outside. Anywhere social distancing of up to six feet cannot be followed</li><li>● <b>Please start having your child wear their masks periodically now throughout the day to get them used to wearing the masks for a period of time.</b></li></ul>

Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We intend to offer remote learning experiences for children whose parents are not comfortable sending their children to school in August due to health reasons or other concerns.</li> <li>● If you are interested in remote learning for your child, please contact the principal. (linda-monahan@cdolinc.net)</li> <li>● Details about remote learning will be available before school begins on August 19th after the principal and staff have a better understanding of who is interested in remote learning and they can plan accordingly.</li> </ul>
Daily Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Daily mass will be held in the gymnasium with students sitting on the gym floor with six feet distancing.</li> </ul>
Pre-Screening for Students and Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Notable symptoms include a fever of 100.4 or great, chills, cough or shortness of breath, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, NEW loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.</li> <li>● Do not report to school with any of the above symptoms and/or if you have been around someone with COVID-19, been diagnosed with COVID-19, been asked to self-quarantine at home by your doctor or a health official or traveled outside of the country.</li> </ul>
Extra-Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow guidelines from the Nebraska School Activities Association.</li> <li>● Follow PAL guidelines for more information.</li> </ul>
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lunch times will be staggered as in the past, we will evaluate each lunch period to reduce the number of students in the gym at one time</li> <li>● Hand sanitize before and after meals. One-way entrances for meal service.</li> <li>● PK-8 prepackaged condiments and utensils.</li> <li>● PK-8 students will be seated 6 feet apart in the designated areas whenever possible.</li> <li>● Eating areas will be sanitized after each meal.</li> </ul>
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will be social distanced as much as possible. Mask/face coverings will be required in all classrooms and indoor environments unless social distancing can be maintained. Additionally, consistent sanitizing procedures will be practiced (between class periods and/or activities, where applicable).</li> <li>● Each student will have an individual bottle of hand sanitizer at their desk, or where ever the teacher feels is the most effective, for their own use.</li> <li>● Walking to and from classrooms we will maintain six foot social distancing.</li> </ul>

<p>Before and After School Childcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Before and after school childcare will be offered to students.</li> <li>● School protocols will be followed for applicable procedures such as drop off/pick up, entering/exiting buildings, masks, sanitation, etc.</li> <li>● Students will be kept in small groupings.</li> </ul>
<p>Parent Drop Off/Pick Up of Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents are encouraged to stay in their vehicles during drop off and pick up.</li> <li>● Physical distancing practices should be followed. No congregating at entrance or exit areas while waiting for students.</li> <li>● Students will enter gym and remain in grade level groups using social distancing for drop off and pick up.</li> </ul>
<p>Response to Positive Cases</p>	<p>When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. Health Departments will work with schools to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the level of community spread outside the school building?</li> <li>● Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?</li> <li>● Were other students and staff masked who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes?</li> <li>● Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day?</li> <li>● To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions (hand washing, hand sanitizers, etc.)?</li> </ul> <p>The answers to these questions will help determine</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the number of close contacts</li> <li>2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom</li> <li>3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined</li> </ol>
<p>Water Fountains</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water fountains are turned off.</li> <li>● Water bottles are provided by students and families. StJB will also provide bottled water for those that need it.</li> </ul>