



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN FRAMEWORK 2021-2022

July 25, 2021

As the CDC continues to review their recommendations, we will be adjusting our guidelines to meet the Diocese and CDC recommendations.

School Name: St. Margaret Mary School	School Location: 2826 Herr Street Harrisburg, PA
Principal: Mary Jo Pronio	Date of Reopening: Monday, August 23, 2021
Type of Reopening: Total Reopening for all students and staff.	The Diocese will continually review this plan in light of CDC and Department of Health guidelines and in collaboration with school principals. (last update: July 19, 2021)
Health & Safety Team These individuals play a role in drafting the school plan and in responding to Covid-related matters during the school year.	
Individual	Stakeholder Group Represented
Father Leo Goodman Mary Jo Pronio Mrs. Jean Fennessy Mrs. Tina Solomon Ms. Emily Oliphant Mrs. Susan Andrews Mrs. Jolene Calla Mrs. Mary Fox Dr. Michael Krall	Administration Administration Faculty Faculty Faculty School Nurse Attorney - Health Care Attorney Pediatrician

<p>DIOCESAN GUIDELINES</p>	<p>LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: Please include site-specific details and plans for communication to all stakeholders.</p>
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<p>Record of Vaccines: Principals will need to know the vaccination status of the people in the buildings in order to be aware of the overall health situation in the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty and staff in our schools will inform the principal about their vaccination status at the proper time and through the proper channels. • Parents of students are encouraged to let principals know, in the manner the school establishes, if children have been vaccinated. • In all cases, the school will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard the privacy and dignity of all students, faculty and staff regarding vaccination status. 	<p>Record of Vaccines: Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio will need to know the vaccination status of the people in the buildings in order to be aware of the overall health situation in the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty and staff in our schools will inform Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio about their vaccination status at the proper time and through the proper channels. • Parents of students are encouraged to notify Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio, in the manner the school establishes, if children have been vaccinated. • In all cases, St. Margaret Mary School will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard the privacy and dignity of all students, faculty and staff regarding vaccination status
<p>Quarantines: We will await more information from the state to see if contact tracing and quarantine are required at all for those students and faculty and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.</p> <p>Therefore, unvaccinated faculty, staff or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will need to quarantine based on time frames established by the CDC and adopted by</p>	<p>Quarantines: St. Margaret Mary School will await more information from the state to see if contact tracing and quarantine are required at all for those students and faculty and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Margaret Mary School will continue to maintain a Covid Containment classroom for faculty, staff and students as in 2020-2021.

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Parents, visitors and volunteers:

Parents, volunteers and other visitors will be allowed in schools.

- Those who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.
- Signage will be posted prominently in the lobby/office indicating that parents, visitors and volunteers in our school who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks while in the school.
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- Faculty will be required to provide a list of visitor names to Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio at least 24 hours prior to a planned classroom event. Visitors to all classrooms will be limited. We encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear a mask.

Cleaning:

Areas in schools for common use -- that is, used regularly by multiple groups within the school -- need to be cleaned regularly.

- Locker rooms, gyms, band and chorus areas, and any other spaces used by multiple school groups are to be cleaned in the middle of the week, ideally, but at least once a week.
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- Students will need to bring non-disposable water bottles to school as they did in 2020-2021.
- Water coolers will be available for students to refill water bottles as needed.

<p>Field trips: Reasonable field trips can be taken in the local area and that decision resides with the school. Proposed trips beyond the local area are to be brought to the Secretary for Education for discussion. However, the responsibility to vet the locations and situations encountered on these trips resides with the school. Schools will need to do homework and be sure of the situation students will encounter during the field trip: crowded areas, etc. -- and will prepare appropriately. High schools will be able to offer overnight retreats, as long as there is a thorough, written health and safety plan in place.</p>	<p>Field trips: Reasonable field trips can be taken in the local area and that decision resides with the faculty and Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio.</p>
<p>Social, emotional and spiritual care for students: We need to make sure, in each school, that we are carefully monitoring student learning and providing all possible resources to meet individual learning needs and to provide the best resources for social, emotional and spiritual growth for our students. As we did last year, we will take a team approach in our schools: school nurses, counselors, social workers (if available) and priests will bring powerful resources to benefit our students. That team will need close collaboration with parents and with teachers, who know the needs of their students well.</p>	<p>Social, emotional and spiritual care for students: St. Margaret Mary School faculty and staff will carefully monitor student learning and provide all possible resources to meet individual learning needs and to provide the best resources for social, emotional and spiritual growth for our students.</p> <p>As we did last year, we will take a team approach in our schools: school nurses, counselors, social workers, and priests will bring powerful resources to benefit our students. That team will need close collaboration with parents and with teachers, who know the needs of their students as well.</p>
<p>Groupings: cohorts, assemblies, Mass, small group work While we will not start the year with the strict cohorting system we used last year, each school is asked to plan the daily interaction of student groups. Each school will determine the range of those groups. In the end, if there is a potential exposure to Covid, we need to know how to proceed. As an</p>	<p>Groupings: Mass, cohorts, small group work, and assemblies St. Margaret Mary School will not start the year with the strict cohorting system we used last year, each school is asked to plan the daily interaction of student groups.</p>

example: a school may decide that one group will be grades K-2, as they need to eat lunch at the same time.

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- Students will enter the building at two entrances: Door #6 (middle school) and door #7 (elementary grades).
- Students will report to their classrooms upon entering the building each morning.
- The administration has determined the range of those cohorts: Pre-K-8. Accelerated and academic cohorts in grades 7-8.
- Middle school students (grades 6-8) will move to their classes for the 2021-2022 school year.
- St. Margaret Mary School may have small groups work together within the classroom while maintaining the three-foot distance, to the extent feasible. (This includes guided reading and guided math groups)

Groupings - Cafeteria:

The cafeteria may be used. To the extent feasible, students should be three feet apart in the cafeteria. Commonly-used surfaces in the cafeteria must be cleaned between lunch shifts. A clean and simple approach for the school is to make the groups mentioned above the same as the lunch groups that share the cafeteria.

Groupings - Cafeteria:

St. Margaret Mary Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria every day of the school year.

- A 4th lunch period will be added to the schedule this year to allow for a smaller number of students in the cafeteria.
- Lunch cohorts will include:
 - Pre-K, Kindergarten, and grade 1
 - Grades 2, 3, and 4
 - Grades 5 and 6
 - Grades 7 and 8
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<p>Groupings - Assemblies: Schools may have assemblies, as needed. As assemblies will bring together more than one school group, schools are encouraged to start with a small number of assemblies in the first quarter of the school year, until we see the overall impact.</p>	<p>Groupings - Assemblies: St. Margaret Mary School may have assemblies, at the discretion of the administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As assemblies will bring together more than one school group, we will conduct as many assemblies and events outside as possible. • As of July 25, 2021 we will not be hosting large indoor events. This will be taken under re-consideration in the future. • Any events previously held indoors that lend itself to virtual gatherings will be held virtually.
<p>Groupings - Mass: School Masses will continue, as per Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.</p>	<p>Groupings - Mass: School Masses will continue, as per Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St.Margaret Mary School will have Mass every Friday at 8:30 a.m. on a rotating basis for our students respecting social distance guidelines. • Masses will be livestreamed into the classroom for those students on rotation.