

Delphos Saint John's Elementary and High School
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Delphos St. John's School Reopening Plan
2020-21 School Year as of August 7, 2020

The information below is intended to explain to the Blue Jay Family the most up to date plan Delphos St. John's has in place to begin the 2020-21 school year. The St. John's Restart Committee has worked hand in hand with the Administration Team to comply with the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the Allen County Health Department. We want to ensure we are as transparent as possible with everyone that some level of risk will continuously be present when students and staff use school facilities. Remember this policy is subject to change with any further guidance and/or mandates provided by the Governor of Ohio, Ohio Department of Education, and/or the Allen County Health Department.

Return to School

In order to help ensure we are providing the safest environment possible for our students and staff, considering their health and well-being, the first day of school for students in K through 12 will be Monday, August 24 (Kindergarten will still have phase-in-days beginning that day). We have decided to reschedule our starting school date, to allow additional staff in-service days, maintenance the time necessary to prep our building and classrooms, all in an effort to help all of us prepare as best we can for the beginning of a new school year, with new challenges and opportunities.

Health Screenings

Parents will be required to follow the Delphos St. John's Parent Screening Protocol each morning before sending their child(ren) to school. All staff and visitors will also comply with the daily protocol. The protocol includes screening for symptoms that can be connected with COVID-19. Details regarding the COVID-19 Policy are included in this document.

All students, staff, and visitors may have their temperature taken as they enter the school building each morning. There will be staff assigned to each entry point to take temperatures, and anyone registering a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home as a precaution. Students sent home will be able to maintain attendance for the day via remote learning if feeling well enough to participate.

Prevention

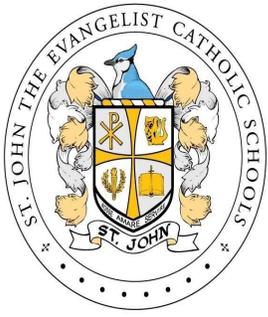
Staff will be modeling and encouraging hand washing for students and the use of sanitizer consistently throughout each day. Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in every classroom, offices, and at the main entrances of school for students and staff to use. While also incorporating posters and other items as reminders for students throughout the school building.

All touchpoints for students will be disinfected before another student uses that touchpoint. The maintenance department has a schedule to disinfect high traffic areas such as restrooms multiple times per day.

Teachers will also work to keep their classroom doors open to maximize airflow and reduce the number of touches to door handles. The teachers and students will use supplies provided to spray desks, chairs, and any common materials needed before new students transition into the classroom.

Face Mask Rules

According to the mandate from the Governor and Ohio Health Department, all students attending in-person education, in grades K to 12, will be required to wear a mask when entering the building, exiting, and throughout the school day.



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An appropriate mask may be worn by staff or students in grades K-12 as long as they are school appropriate. If a mask is not appropriate, the student will be sent to the office and given a disposable or reusable mask from the office to wear for the day. Inappropriate masks may also be met with disciplinary action.

Wearing a mask is required when working directly with staff (i.e.- one-on-one, small group instruction, etc.)

Wearing a mask is required when working closely with other students in small groups or lab settings.

Gaiter scarves will be permissible. The CDC recommends that you test their effectiveness by holding them up to the light. If you can see light coming in, they are less effective. They recommend folding them in half for better coverage.

All face coverings will need to cover the chin, mouth, and nose at all times, when being worn.

Staff will have the option to wear a face shield in order to make sure students can properly hear them during instructional time.

Teachers will be encouraged when possible to take students outside to give them a break from the mask while they are socially distanced.

Social Distancing

When possible, students, staff, and visitors will be socially distanced up to six feet at all times. Classroom desks will be spaced apart six feet whenever possible.

Whenever possible, student lockers will be spaced apart, organized restroom usage and capacity will be enforced, and eating lunch in classrooms are other measures being taken to help control the spread of illness and practice social distancing.

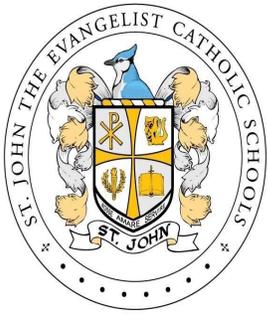
Students in Grades 7 to 12 will be permitted to carry their backpacks throughout the school day to eliminate multiple locker visits.

Teacher will supervise hallways and common areas to ensure students are reporting immediately to class and not congregating in hallways or common areas.

Remote Learning

The following is the Remote Learning Plan for when in-person school is in session:

- The Remote Learning option must be selected for one quarter at a time; except for cases where students are required to quarantine by the local health department or are deemed not well enough to attend in person but still feel well enough to maintain learning at home.
- Remote Learning Students are expected to be working on school material between 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- The Student's Daily Schedule must be followed.
- Students will sign in and follow along/participate with their class through the use of live-streamed class and Google Apps for Education.
- Students will be provided a device from school; families may choose to use their own device as long as it is compatible with the Google Suite Apps.



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- Students will complete work in a timely manner and turn it in, via Google Classroom, to the teacher when scheduled to do so.
- Teachers will post the daily work and schedule for students in Google Classroom, teach the class to the best of his/her ability, grade work and post grades in a timely manner, and communicate with the student and parents on a regular basis.

Transportation

School Bus transportation is provided by Delphos City Schools. Their policies for transportation on the bus are as follows.

Students will:

- Maintain physical distance while waiting for the bus, on the bus, and while entering the bus.
- Sit with a family member or in an assigned seat.
- Be required to wear a mask (all grade levels).
- Remain seated, facing forward.

DSJ Staff will be supervising the entrance and exit points in order to encourage proper social distancing is followed. Doors 6 (front door), 7, and 9 (two south doors) will be opened at 7:30 AM for Elementary students to enter.

7:30 AM - Grades 7 and 8 - Grade 7 through the Breezeway Junior High East Doors, Door 12, Grade 8 through the High School East Doors, Door 1.

7:45 AM - Grades 9 through 12 - Grade 9 through the Breezeway Junior High East Doors, Door 12, Grade 10 through the Second Street Main Entrance Doors, Door 2, and Grades 11 and 12 through the High School East Doors, Door 1.

If siblings are coming to school together, they can enter any of the doors assigned to their grade level.

Once students have entered the building they will report immediately to their classroom.

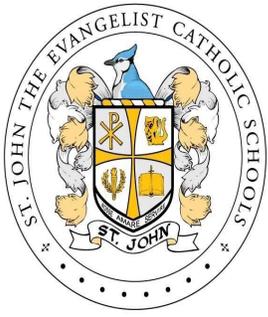
Food Service

Students will order their school bought lunch in the morning upon arrival to school or students will have the option to pack their lunch. School made lunches will be delivered to the child's classroom where the students will eat lunch. Volunteers and school personnel will be trained on delivering the lunches safely to each classroom.

Building Heat

To help not only with building heat, but to also provide water to students in the Junior High/High School throughout the school year, students will be able to ask for bottled water from their first period teacher. Students in the Elementary will be able to bring a water bottle for the day; if forgotten they may ask their teacher for a bottle of water to start the day. If any student needs to refill their water bottle, a bottle refill station will be available to them.

Mask Breaks will be provided to students throughout the day by taking a break in a shaded area outside, where social distancing is possible.



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Students in the Elementary are permitted to wear uniform shorts until the middle of October. When it becomes too warm, students are permitted to untuck their shirts and girls are permitted to remove their jumpers.

Students in the Junior High and High School boys will be able to wear a polo or the short sleeve uniform shirt, along with a solid colored dress short that is khaki, black, navy, or gray, and an athletic tennis shoe or uniform shoe through September 30. Junior High and High School Girls will not be required to wear a vest or sweater, and they will have the option of the knee high or no show sock.

Meetings and Conferences

If a meeting is necessary with any school personnel, notify the school of your preference to attend meetings in person, via phone, or using a virtual platform.

In person meetings should follow appropriate physical distancing protocols. Masks must be worn when entering, exiting, moving around the building, and during the in-person meetings.

Field Trips

School Field Trips have all been postponed until further notice. If conditions improve, then field trips may be considered later in the school year.

Recess

Students in Grades K to 6 will participate in recess with other students from their own classroom only. There is a schedule for students to be at recess for the appropriate amount of play time for their grade level, while being able to properly distance each classroom from other classrooms. Students will not be required to wear a mask to recess, although they will be asked to wear them on the way in and out; their will be a lanyard provided for each student to safely hold their mask during recess

Visitors/Building Hours

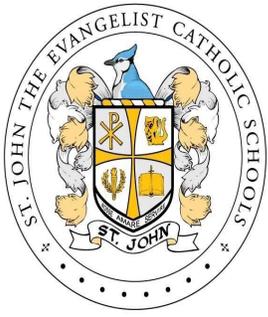
The school doors will be opened at 7:30 AM for entry into school, and then closed at 3:30 PM except for approved school extracurricular activities.

All visitors during the school day must enter at Door 9 (South Door) for the Elementary School or Door 1 (East Door) for the High School. At the time of their arrival they will be required to buzz in with their reason for entrance, sign-in on the visitor screening protocol sheet, and complete the proper health checks before entry will be permitted.

Please limit visits to school as much as possible.

COVID-19 Parent Screening Protocol

Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day, including checking temperatures prior to coming to school. Students who are sick should not attend school in person. The purpose of symptom screening is to identify individuals who may have COVID - 19 and exclude those individuals from a setting to reduce the risk of transmission to others. There is not a single symptom that is uniquely predictive of a COVID - 19 diagnosis. A COVID - 19 viral test is needed to confirm if someone has a current infection.



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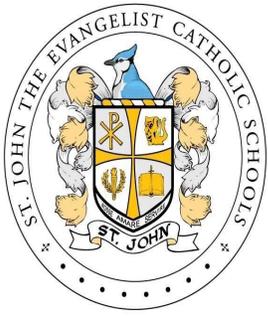
People with COVID - 19 have had a wide range of reported symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 - 14 days after exposure.

Screen your children daily for these symptoms:

- Fever and Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Exposure to (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID - 19

Many symptoms of COVID - 19 are also common in other childhood illnesses like the common cold, flu, or seasonal allergies. Symptom screening will identify only that a person may have an illness, not that the illness is COVID - 19.

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Returning to School</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student/Staff Member answers yes to either exhibiting symptoms of COVID - 19 symptoms or answered "yes" to any of the screening questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student/Staff Member will be sent home to get tested.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive for COVID - 19 with symptoms OR testing declined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student/Staff Member return to school if fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication AND symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) have improved AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive for COVID - 19, without symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student/Staff Member who continues to not have symptoms throughout isolation can return to school once 10 days have passed since tested.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Negative for COVID - 19 but exhibiting symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student/Staff Member can return if fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication. Please reconsider testing if symptoms worsen.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Notified by the health department to self-quarantine due to close exposure to a COVID - 19 positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student/Staff Member must stay home and monitor symptoms for 14 days after the last exposure to the COVID - 19 positive individual. Please consider getting tested. If positive for COVID - 19 during the 14 days, student/staff would then follow the "Positive for COVID - 19" situation and the isolation period starts when symptoms first appeared.
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The symptom-based strategy is intended to replace the need for repeated testing as part of the return to school.

School Isolation Policies

- It is essential for students, parents and teachers to stay home when they are sick. Our Return to School policy is 24 hour fever free without use of fever-reducing medication, 24 hour free of vomiting or diarrhea, 24 hours after starting an antibiotic. This policy encourages and supports staying home when sick to help prevent the transmission of illness and helping to keep schools open.
- Students who develop fever or symptoms of illness while at school will be placed in an isolation separate from staff and other students. They will be monitored and parents notified. We ask that the student be picked up within 30 minutes of contacting the parent/guardian.
- In an emergency situation, 911 will be called and then the parents will be contacted.

Important Points

- The Allen County Health Department requires that we track illness at St. John's. To help us with gathering information, when you call the Elementary or High School office to report a student absence, please provide the symptoms they are experiencing and the reason for the absence. If no reason for the absence is given, we will need to contact you.
- Remember to feed your child breakfast before coming to school. The best breakfast includes protein. Donuts, sugary cereal, pop tarts, etc. are not the best foods for breakfast.
- Ensure contact information is up to date in the event the nurse needs to contact home.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact either of us at school either via email at lee@delphosstjohns.org or stant@delphosstjohns.org or by phone 419-692-5371 or 419-692-8561. Some questions may not have answers at this time but every attempt will be made to provide direction.

Thank you again for your understanding and support. There is no question that by helping to support one another, we will find success in providing our students with a strong Catholic Education through this reality.

Go Jays and God Bless,

Mr. Nathan Stant
Elementary Principal

Father Dennis Walsh
Pastor/Superintendent

Mr. Adam Lee
Junior High/High School Principal