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August 31, 2020

Dear Catholic Schools Families,

As we draw closer to reopening our school buildings, we continue to be committed to doing so safely. While that involves physically creating a hygienic COVID-resistant environment, it also means maintaining strict control over who enters our building - including visitors, staff *and* students. [A recent article in Catholic New York](#) provides a look at the *blueprint* we have followed every step of the way.

As part of the New York State school reopening guidelines all those who enter a school building must complete daily self-screening for COVID-19. [CLICK HERE to find the daily self-screening checklist for everyone in our schools](#). Principals will be following up with more specific directions for your school community.

Please ensure that you complete this checklist daily at home and take your child's temperature before they leave for school. This will avoid children being sent home or placed in the Guardian Angel isolation room by principals or teachers when they arrive.

In keeping with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health's directives, we will adhere to travel restrictions from [states with high rates of infection](#). Anyone who has traveled to any of those states must quarantine for 14 days upon returning to New York.

It is also important to note the immunizations that all students must receive annually. If a student does not meet the guidelines [linked here](#) for their grade after the first 14 days of school, the principal must by law, exclude the student until they have proof of such immunization. We have been informed by the State Department of Health this applies to students who are in school and who are attending remotely. We strongly encourage all students receive their flu shot as soon as possible during the month of September.

More than ever, the health of our schools and the greater community are primary, and we are grateful for your partnering with us to maintain a safe environment in which to pray, learn and grow.

Sincerely,

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As part of the NYS opening guidelines all those who enter a school building must complete daily self-screening for COVID-19. I have attached the daily self screening checklist for everyone in our schools. Principals will be following up with more specific directions for your school community.

Please ensure that you and your children review and complete this checklist daily at home as well as take your child's temperature before they leave for school. This will avoid children being sent home or placed in the guardian angel isolation room by principals or teachers when they arrive.

While each question is important, since some may have traveled over the summer, in keeping with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health's directives, we will adhere to travel restrictions from [states with high rates of infection](#). Anyone who has traveled to any of those states, they must quarantine for 14 days upon returning to New York.

Let me also take this time to reinforce the immunizations that all students must receive annually, as you know if a student does not meet the guidelines [linked here](#) for their grade, the principal must by law, after the first 14 days of school exclude the student until they have proof of such immunization. We have been informed by the State Department of Health this applies to students who are in school and who are attending remotely. We are strongly encouraging all students receive their flu shot as soon as possible during the month of September.

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<https://catholicschoolsny.org/opening>

**Daily Health Self-Screening Requirements
and at Home Daily Checklist for Employees, Parents, Children and Essential Visitors.**

All School Employees, Parents, Children and Essential Visitors will need to complete a daily health self-check by answering the questions listed below and by taking their own temperatures each day prior to entering the school or being on the school property. A parent or guardian is responsible for completing the daily screening on behalf of their child(ren).

Self-Screening:

Below are the self-screening questions that employees, parents, children and essential visitors are required to answer daily. If the answers are "No" to all of the following questions, individuals may enter the school, if you answer yes please contact the school principal. (If employees, parents, children and/or essential visitors cannot take their temperature at home, but answer "No" to all other questions, they may report to the school to have their temperature taken on-site).

- (a) Have you been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
- (b) Have you tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- (c) Are you currently experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F in the past 14 days.
- (d) Is your body temperature at or above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or have you or your child (ren) taken any temperature reducing drug. (ie. Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, Motrin, Aspirin) within the last 24 hours?
- (e) Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days? (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> for Official State List)

If you answer YES to any of these questions on any given day, you or your child may not enter the school building. Contact a medical professional for guidance and notify the school principal.

Depending upon the answers to the screening questions, you or your child may need to receive medical clearance to return to work or school. If you or your child is sick with a common cold or other ailment not related to COVID-19, stay home until symptoms subside and you or your child (ren) fever free without the aid of a temperature reducing drug.

By signing below and submitting this form, you acknowledge that you received the attached daily checklist that you will complete it each school day for yourself or your child (ren) for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ **Date:** _____
Student Name _____ **Grade:** _____

**Restricted States
8/31/2020**

Based upon Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 205, issued June 25, 2020, the following states & territories meet the criteria for required quarantine: This is based upon a seven-day rolling average, of positive tests in excess of 10%, or number of positive cases exceeding 10 per 100,000 residents. Check website above for updated list daily.

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Puerto Rico
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands
- Wisconsin



**PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE AT HOME ON YOUR COUNTER OR BY THE DOOR- DO NOT RETURN
FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES EACH DAY TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL**

Parents should take their child's temperature every day before their child leaves for school. If your child has a fever of 100.0 or over, your child should be kept home from school. A fever is a key symptom of COVID-19. You should ask your child if he/she has any other symptoms of COVID-19 (see below). If your child complains of these symptoms or has a fever, or you answer yes to a question in section two, please, keep them home, call your child's doctor and contact the school to report your child's absence. If your child is sick with a common cold or other ailment your child should stay home until symptoms subside and they are fever free. We strongly encourage every student to receive the FLU vaccine this year!

SECTION 1: Symptoms

Before you or your child leaves for school each day – Consider all that apply:

_____ fever or chills – Is fever 100.0°F or higher?

_____ sore throat, congestion, or runny nose?

_____ new or worsening cough that cause's difficulty breathing?(If your child has chronic allergies, or an asthmatic cough, is there a change in their cough from baseline?)

_____ diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting?

_____ onset of severe headache, especially with a fever?

_____ fatigue, muscle or body aches; loss of taste or smell?

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19. This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as they learn more about COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov>.

SECTION 2: Close Contact/Positive Test/Potential Exposure& Travel

_____ had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with a person confirmed positive in the past 14 days or tested positive for COVID-19 yourself?

_____ have traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?

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