



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Chatard COVID-19 Plan

2021-2022

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Introduction

Implementation of this plan is subject to change at the discretion of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Health and the Marion County Public Health Department. It is based on the best available information and conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of this publication. This plan will evolve and be adjusted when information becomes available as the status of the COVID-19 pandemic changes. Bishop Chatard will continue to engage with the Office of Catholic schools and other education partners as part of this important process.

This plan is founded with the safety of students, teachers, and staff as priority. At all times Bishop Chatard High School leadership will make decisions based on the safety of all while continuing to ensure student learning is taking place. The school leadership, while in consultation with the Office of Catholic Schools, has the flexibility to do what is best for the Bishop Chatard High School community insofar as the jurisdictional governmental authorities allow.

Decision Making Input

Our preventative measures are shaped by input from the Office of Catholic Schools, the Bishop Chatard professional medical task force, our COVID-19 committee, the Centers for Disease Control, Marion County Public Health Department, the Indiana Department of Education, the Governor's Office, and our Director of Safety and Wellness/Dean, Mr. Vince Lorenzano. Due to the challenge of COVID-19, Bishop Chatard High School considers two key factors when making all safety related decisions:

- 1) the school's ability to maintain a safe and healthy school environment, and
- 2) the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community.

Bishop Chatard will constantly evaluate these two key factors as schools and communities will most likely fluctuate between the various phases of disease transmission over the coming months.

Bishop Chatard High School will take every precaution possible to protect students and employees. Heightened protocols related to cleaning and sanitization will be in place. Expectations of proper handwashing, physical distancing to the extent possible, and minimal sharing of resources to the extent possible will be enforced.

Absences

If a student is at home and coded as COVID, a synchronous Google Meet is available to them. Students coded as COVID include those who are symptomatic, close contact quarantined, or have tested positive.

Absent students should make every effort to connect with teachers by email, or via Google Meet during our daily Seminar period to talk about assignments and assessments.

Arrival, Dismissal

Students may begin arriving at 7:00 a.m. In order to remain socially distanced students may not linger or cluster in the hallway. Dismissal will no longer be staggered.

Calendar/Timeline

Bishop Chatard will open the school year with full, in-person instruction beginning on August 5. A full calendar can be found at <https://www.bishopchatard.org/news/calendar/>

Classroom Environment/Protocol

Bishop Chatard student desks will face forward and be distanced from 3 feet from each other. In order to contact trace any possible positive cases of COVID-19, seating charts and assigned seats will be mandatory in all classrooms.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

Bishop Chatard will continue to clean and sanitize high-touch surfaces frequently. Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the whole school. Proper handwashing, cough, and sneeze protocols will still be reviewed and practiced. Water bottle filling stations will be actively available for students. Our Director of Safety and Wellness/Dean, Mr. Vince Lorenzano has coordinated regular cleaning throughout our building and campus.

Confirmed Case

If a student, or a member of the student's household is confirmed positive for COVID-19, found to be a close contact, or symptomatic we ask that the family inform the school by immediately emailing medical@bishopchatard.org

COVID-19 Guidance

On Thursday, December 30, 2021 the Indiana Department of Health provided new K-12 guidance for schools concerning isolation, quarantine, and mask wearing as it relates to COVID-19. Bishop Chatard will now utilize the following:

- **Any student that tests positive for COVID-19, is required to stay at home and isolate for 5 days. (regardless of vaccination status)**
 - If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms improve and/or resolve after 5 days (fever free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving), they may return to school

and extracurriculars, but are required to wear a mask properly while around others for 5 additional days. The student is advised to get a COVID-19 test on Day 5 if possible.

- **If a vaccinated student (received all doses of vaccines, including booster, if eligible) is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in or outside the classroom, they may remain in school as long as they continue to be asymptomatic and wear a mask.**
 - The student will be allowed to continue with extracurriculars as long as a mask is properly worn for 10 days. The student is advised to get a COVID-19 test on Day 5 if possible.

- **If an unboosted or unvaccinated student is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in or outside of the classroom, they are required to stay at home for 5 days.** No extracurriculars will be allowed for the 5 days of quarantine.
 - If the student has no symptoms after 5 days, they may return to school, but are *required* to wear a properly fitted mask around others for 5 additional days and test on Day 5 if possible.
 - If symptoms develop, the student must get a COVID-19 test and stay at home and isolate. If the test is negative, the student may return to school and extracurriculars when symptoms resolve.

- **If all students are masked,** and an exposure occurs, the exposed student may stay in school as long as they continue to be asymptomatic, and continue to wear a mask properly at all times. Exposed students should test on Day 5 if possible. Exposed students may continue extracurricular activities. If symptoms develop, they should get a test and stay home. If the test is negative, they may return to school when symptoms have resolved.

The Indiana Department of Health has provided updated definitions of vaccinated and not fully vaccinated. They are:

Fully vaccinated=must be 2 weeks (14 days) out from the last dose of primary vaccine series.

Not fully vaccinated=less than 2 weeks out from last dose of a primary vaccine series or have not received all primary doses.

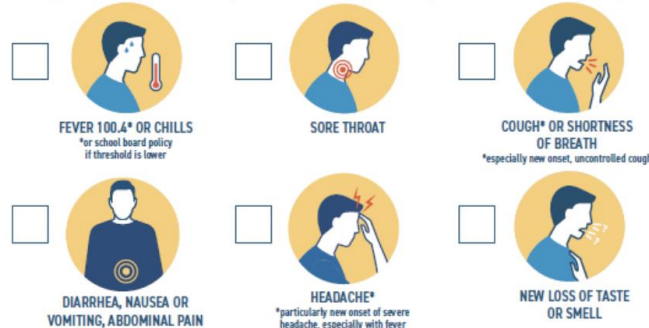
Daily Screening/Symptoms

The Indiana Department of Health has provided the following chart that outlines symptoms associated with COVID-19 and a Parent Daily Screening Tool. Each morning before you send your child to school please review the following:

Parent Daily Screening Tool

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Was your child in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, get your child tested for COVID-19 and isolate them until their test result is received.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
- If your child has trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face. **CALL 911!**



Field Trips, Retreats, Outside Speakers

Field trips, retreats, and outside speakers are permitted, but must be approved by the school principal.

Lunch

Since masks are removed during lunch, students will be seated six feet apart and divided between the cafeteria and gymnasium. Contact tracing will still take place in exposure situations that take place during lunch.

Masks

With this recent uptick in cases and the continued concern with the Omicron variant, Bishop Chatard will require all students, staff and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a properly fitted mask while on the Bishop Chatard campus.

The COVID-19 committee will continue to reevaluate the decision to wear masks on a weekly basis and communicate any changes in the Friday COVID-19 update. We will continue to report positive cases of COVID-19 to the Local Health Department, State Health Department, and to the Office of Catholic Schools.

Mass

Bishop Chatard will hold weekly, all-school Masses. Masks will be required.

Nurses

Bishop Chatard will have two nurses available on a rotating basis throughout each school day. Students and staff may be asked to wear a face-covering upon entry to the health clinic. If this is the case, a mask will be provided.

Opt-Out

There is no opt-out for full-time, virtual instruction as we believe it is important for our entire school to return to the normalcy of full, in-person instruction.

Quarantine Room

Bishop Chatard has created a dedicated quarantine room for students/staff who might have COVID-19 or other communicable diseases and are waiting for pickup. If a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 they will be put in our quarantine room and parents will be contacted to pick up the student. This room will be disinfected frequently and restricted to authorized staff/students.

Retreats

Campus ministry provides a structured retreat program designed to enable students at every grade level to reflect on God's presence in their everyday lives. Our retreat program will resume in its regular capacity with freshmen attending a day of reflection during the school day, sophomores attending a one-day retreat experience off campus, juniors attending an overnight retreat, and seniors attending the Christian Awakening Retreat. Daily self-screening and mask wearing is required unless instructed otherwise.

Self-Screening Requirement

Similar to last year, a daily self-screen will still be required of students and staff. Students and staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained are prohibited from coming to school. Students and employees will be expected and asked to stay home if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. Please see our website for updated **COVID-19 symptoms**.

Transportation

Masks are required for students, bus drivers, and staff utilizing any school-sponsored vehicle for transportation. Masking on public transportation is a federal mandate. It is recommended that bus drivers open windows to improve ventilation when winter allows.

Vaccinations

The Holy See and U.S. Bishops have determined that the reception of the vaccines is morally acceptable and responsible. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as The Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) recommends that all eligible parties should be encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Bishop Chatard will not require vaccinations of students and staff. We believe that getting vaccinated is a personal family decision.

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Visitors and Volunteers

All visitors and volunteers should enter through Door 1. Masks are recommended for all visitors--parents/guardians, community partners, volunteers--regardless of vaccination status while indoors. Visitors and volunteers are not permitted to eat with students during breakfast and lunch.

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