



# BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

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This plan for reentry has been developed with the support of the Office of Catholic Schools, the Bishop Chatard professional medical task force, the Centers for Disease Control, Marion County Public Health Department, the Indiana Department of Education, the Governor's Office, and BCHS Director of Safety and Wellness Vince Lorenzano.

Current recommendations and guidelines will continue to change and evolve. Additional school reentry information will be communicated in its entirety on July 20.

## **Part One: Prevention**

The most important thing students and families can do to protect students and faculty at Bishop Chatard is to *stay home* if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID 19.

It is essential for the Bishop Chatard community to work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the school environment. Prior to coming to school each day, each student and employee will be asked to self screen for the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**To protect the health of others, students and employees are respectfully asked to stay home if they exhibit any of the above symptoms.**

**Every student and staff member will be required to wear a facial mask that covers the nose and mouth upon entering the school building each day and will be required to wear masks in classrooms and during passing periods.**

**There will be opportunities to ease mask requirements in certain circumstances where adequate social distancing can be achieved.**

Either a cloth or surgical mask may be worn. Vented masks may not be worn because they do not provide adequate protection.

Before being allowed to enter the building each day, **all students, faculty, and staff will be required to complete a pre-screening to ensure that they are fever and symptom free.** While this does not eliminate the possibility of infection and it will allow us to reduce the risk for all persons in the school building. We will detail the pre-screening process in the July 20 communication.

**Part Two: Building Safety**

The regular cleaning and sanitizing procedures on the Bishop Chatard campus will be more extensive than normal. Classroom spaces and meeting rooms will be cleaned before the next group enters and proper hand washing and hygiene practices are encouraged.

As best as possible, modifications to classroom space have been made in order to encourage appropriate physical distance from person to person. Enhancements include:

- Classroom spacing and arrangement of desks for maximum distance
- Assigned seating for students in every class
- Increased monitoring of hallways during passing periods by staff members
- Staff members providing instruction and regular reminders on the importance of social distancing within the classroom and around the building
- Monitoring student sharing of personal and classroom materials
- Adapting classroom instruction in order to respect social distancing guidelines
- Cafeteria procedures will be modified to support adequate social distancing. Facial mask requirements will be eased in eating spaces.
- Visitors to the school will be limited

**Part Three: Personal Hygiene while at Bishop Chatard**

As directed by the Centers for Disease Control and the Marion County Health Department, personal hygiene is critical to prevent the spread of COVID 19. The use of a face covering can potentially slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Face masks will be required and provided as needed. All are welcome to wear a mask of their choosing, or the one provided so long as it covers the mouth and nose properly and is cared for as directed.

Each faculty member and student will be educated on and requested to practice the following:

- Wear a cloth or surgical face mask that covers the nose and mouth while on campus at Bishop Chatard, with exceptions made in certain situations.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Bishop Chatard will provide hand sanitizing stations outside of each classroom and in common areas and students are encouraged to carry and use their own hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

#### **Part Four: Procedure for a Positive COVID Test**

Current guidance states that students and employees will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact (close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a person for more than 15 minutes unmasked) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or potentially after returning from travel in certain places.

If a student or a member of the student's household tests positive for COVID-19, we ask the family to inform Bishop Chatard immediately in order to protect the safety of the entire school community.

**Return to School After Exclusion-** Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the Marion County Board of Health. Persons who have experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the prescribed conditions are met.