



## **Return to School Plan 2021-2022**

### **Introduction**

Our Re-Entry Plan for the 2021-2022 school year has been created in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Catholic Diocese of Gary, Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the LaPorte County Health Department. This plan will be updated as necessary to reflect the most accurate information and any changes will be communicated with our staff, students, families, and community.

Please know that the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to evolve and present very real challenges to regular school operations. Marquette will provide our families with current information regarding our policies and will frequently reevaluate the need for modification. We reserve the right to alter our policies as we collect new, relevant data. As always, we will continue to put the safety of our students first as we navigate the new school year.

### **Superintendent Statement for all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Gary**

*“Coronavirus and COVID-19 Warning: The risk of exposure to coronavirus exists anywhere that people are present, especially in larger groups. According to the CDC, the virus spreads easily between people and can cause severe illness and even death. The risk is higher for certain people. Risk factors include being 65 years of age or older or having serious underlying medical conditions. By attending a Catholic Diocese of Gary School, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to viruses, including the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Enhanced health and safety measures have been recommended to protect each of us. You must follow all posted instructions while attending a Catholic Diocese of Gary School.”*

## **Re-Entry Plan**

### **1. Prevention**

- The priority for preventing the spread of disease in the school setting is to insist that sick employees and students stay home.
- Each day we ask that all families pre-screen the following symptoms at home.
  - A temperature of 100.4°F
  - Repeated cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills and/or repeated shaking
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of smell or taste
- Students with any of these symptoms should not travel to campus.
- Infrared thermometers may be used periodically to test for high temperatures.
- Those exhibiting said symptoms on campus are subject to being sent home.
- An isolation area will be identified as a holding area for any student presenting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 before they are sent home.
- Please inform Jan Wagner in the main office immediately with any information regarding symptoms, testing, or contact tracing at: [jwagner@marquette-hs.org](mailto:jwagner@marquette-hs.org)

### **2. Exclusion, Quarantine, and Return**

- Those excluded from in person learning due to testing positive for COVID-19, exhibiting symptoms, or contact tracing, will have their return to campus guided by current recommendations outlined by the CDC, IDOH, and the LaPorte County Health Department.
- Quarantine length will vary depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, vaccination status, testing, mask usage, contact tracing, and symptoms.
- Every case is unique and we will do our best to get students back in school as quickly as possible while also taking steps to ensure the safety and well being of our community as a whole.

### **3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- Mask usage while traveling via school transportation will be required at all times during transit.
- Masks must be neutral in color and design and adhere to Marquette's Uniform Policy.
- Spare masks will continue to be available at the main office while supplies last.
- Currently, universal indoor mask usage is recommended by the CDC for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Marquette, therefore, also encourages mask usage while on campus. At this time, no such mandates exist, at any level, requiring mask usage other than when in transit via school transportation.
- If internal rates rise to a predetermined rate, Marquette reserves the right to require masks for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status.

#### 4. Vaccination

- Vaccination continues to be encouraged by the Catholic Diocese of Gary.
- Marquette will not require the COVID vaccine for students, employees, or visitors to return to campus for the fall semester of 2021.
- We recognize the seriousness of the pandemic and the effect it has had on many of those in our community. We believe that the vaccine is the best way to protect against the pandemic but also recognize the variety of factors that may cause someone to choose not to be vaccinated and we respect that choice.

#### 5. On Campus Building Preparation and Sanitation

- Teachers and staff will promote social distancing in their classrooms and throughout campus.
- Classroom organization will reflect adequate spacing and seating will be assigned.
- All rooms and offices at the school will have a sanitizing station that includes clorox wipes and hand sanitizer and everyone is encouraged to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the room.
- Water fountains on campus have been replaced to allow for bottle refills with filtered water. Drinking directly from the spout is prohibited.
- Surfaces, entryways, door handles, and busses will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.
- The Scholl Center will be sanitized in between lunches and after the final lunch of the day.
- Student seating at lunch may be limited per table to ensure reasonable social distancing.
- Credit/debit card preferred, but cash will be allowed.
- Passes during study hall will be permitted for academic purposes.
- Students will have access to the Scholl Center prior to school at 7:00am and until 5:00pm after school.
- Unscheduled visits are discouraged. Visitors should do their best to contact the main office prior to arrival to guarantee access. Email is our primary means of communication so please schedule your visits ahead of time with all relevant parties.
- Families who are picking up a student during the day will need to sign them out by calling the main office.
- Student traffic between buildings should display adequate social distancing and take advantage of multiple entry/exit points via Doors A1, A2, B3, and B4.

#### 6. Instructional Models

- **In-Person Instruction:** In this model, all students will report to school as usual. Teachers will lead all instructional activities in the classroom while also integrating the use of Google Classroom. Every effort will be made to employ this method for the entire school year.
- **Virtual Learning Days (VLD):** These may be utilized periodically to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Administration will make these decisions based on recommendations from the Catholic Diocese of Gary and local health officials.
- **Extended Virtual Learning:** In this model, students would receive instruction while at home through a combination of digital delivery methods. This model would reflect existing virtual learning procedures already utilized during the 2019-2020 school year.

## 7. Events

- The current 2021-2022 calendar will be followed as planned.
- Changes to the calendar will be communicated as quickly as possible.
- All school events are subject to modification depending on current recommendations and safety guidelines.
- Director of Athletics, Katie Collignon, will be providing guidelines and updates to athletic coaches, student-athletes, and families in accordance with the IHSAA.
- Off campus field trips, service trips, and retreats will resume as permitted by administration.
- For scheduled masses, MQTT will follow the guidelines provided by St. Mary's Parish.
- Other scheduled events such as plays, performances, banquets, etc. will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Prior to an event there will be guidelines and instructions sent and shared with parents, students, and staff.

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<b>Instructional Method</b>	In Person Learning Monday through Friday	In Person Learning Monday through Friday	In Person Learning Monday through Friday with the possibility of intermittent Virtual Learning Days	Instruction will be conducted in an entirely virtual setting in accordance with an extended virtual learning plan
<b>Schedule</b>	Regular bell schedule from 8:15am-2:45pm. Buildings open at 7:00am. Scholl Center open after school until 5:00pm	Regular bell schedule from 8:15am-2:45pm. Buildings open at 7:00am. Scholl Center open after school until 5:00pm	Regular bell schedule from 8:15am-2:45pm. Buildings open at 7:45am. Scholl Center closed after school by 3:00pm	Attendance via email with your 1st hour teacher by 8:30am. Daily lessons and assignments in accordance with the extended virtual learning
<b>Masking</b>	Masking is encouraged for all, especially those who are unvaccinated. No mandates exist requiring masks on campus	Masking is required for those who are unvaccinated and recommended for those who have received the vaccine	Masking is required for all	Not Applicable
<b>Social Distancing</b>	Social distancing of 3 feet will be encouraged	Social distancing of 3 to 6 feet will be required where possible	Social distancing of 6 feet will be required at all times	Not Applicable
<b>Transportation</b>	Busses run on a regular schedule. Masks usage while in transit is required	Busses run on a regular schedule. Masks usage while in transit is required	Busses run on a regular schedule. Masks usage while in transit is required. Reduced bus loads will be considered and family transportation encouraged	Not Applicable
<b>Classrooms</b>	Assigned seating is required. Small group work is permitted when needed so long as reasonable social distancing is maintained	Assigned seating is required. Small group work is discouraged. Maximum social distancing encouraged	Forward facing assigned seating is required. Group work is not allowed. Maximum social distancing required.	Not Applicable
<b>Lunch</b>	Available seating will be limited per table to ensure social distancing. Students will not have assigned seats	Available seating will be limited per table to ensure social distancing. Students will be given assigned seats	Seating will be strictly enforced and limited per table to ensure social distancing. Student traffic will be limited	Not Applicable
<b>Mass</b>	Mass will take place in-person at St. Mary's Church. 3 ft social distancing will be promoted and masks will be encouraged	Mass will take place in-person in the Scholl Center Gymnasium. Maximum social distancing will be required	Mass will take place in-person in the Scholl Center Gymnasium. Maximum social distancing will be required	Mass will take place virtually via Marquette's live streaming feed
<b>Visitors</b>	Visitors encouraged to schedule all visits with relevant parties 24 hours in advance to guarantee building access and party availability	Visitation discouraged. Must schedule all visits with relevant parties 24 hours in advance to guarantee building access and party availability	Visitation prohibited. Communication via email or phone is preferred. Building access must be approved by administration	Not Applicable
<b>Sanitization</b>	All rooms have sanitization stations. All rooms and surfaces sanitized at the end of each day	All rooms have sanitization stations. All rooms and surfaces sanitized during lunch and at the end of each day	All rooms have sanitization stations. All rooms and surfaces sanitized at the beginning and end of each day as well as during lunch.	Not Applicable

## **Support Links**

- [Porter County Health Department Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Lake County Health Department COVID-19 Information](#)
- [LaPorte County Health Department COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Indiana High School Athletic Association \(IHSAA\) Spectator Restriction Announcement](#)
- [Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#)
- [CDC - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#)
- [Daily Screening Guide & Face Coverings](#)
- [Indiana Department of Health – Back to School Guidance 2021](#)
- [Indiana State Department of Health - COVID-19 Dashboard and Map](#)
- [Indiana State Dept. of Health Color-Coded Guide \(PreK-12 Recommendations\)](#)
- [Indiana Department of Education - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#)
- [CDC - Coronavirus Information for Travel Restrictions](#)
- [Talking to Children About COVID-19: A Parent Resource](#)
- [Talking with Children about the Coronavirus - CDC](#)
- [Symptoms of COVID-19 - CDC](#)
- [What You Need To Know About COVID-19 - CDC](#)
- [Coronavirus Cases in the U.S. - CDC](#)
- [Franciscan Health COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Community Healthcare System Coronavirus Information](#)