



Committed to Excellence
A Safe Return to School

Catholic Central Community,

We are about one month away from opening our doors and welcoming our children back to school to begin the 2020-2021 academic year. Our faculty and staff are truly excited to engage in in-person learning beginning on August 26. The Catholic Central faculty and staff have been working hard to create an environment that enables our students to safely continue their education in our excellent school during this pandemic situation. This plan was developed by Catholic Central faculty and staff, in collaboration with parents. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, area Catholic schools, Clark County public school districts, and the Clark County Combined Health District were also consulted for its creation.

We thank you for your flexibility and understanding during these difficult times. Please know the safety and well-being of our students and faculty are at the forefront of all of our decisions. We want to do everything we can to make sure we are in the building this year. We need the cooperation and support of all of our faculty and staff, students, and parents for that to happen.

We know that many of you have questions and we believe the Q&A format below addresses common inquiries regarding our return-to-school plan. **This plan is subject to change based on changes in the COVID situation across the region, state, and country.**

When will school start?	Students will return to school on Wednesday, August 26th. Our freshman orientation day will take place on Tuesday, August 25th.
Why was the start date pushed back one week?	The safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our utmost concern. In order to ensure this safety to the best of our ability, we felt it was important to orient our faculty and staff with any new procedures/processes being put in place due to COVID. Faculty and staff will spend the days between August 17th-25th learning about and practicing these new procedures.
Will students be required to wear masks?	<p>Yes, students will be required to wear masks for the entirety of the school day with specific exceptions defined by administration. Masks provide the best protection for our faculty, staff, and students, and will help sustain our in-person school year by limiting the spread and limiting the possible number of quarantines due to exposure.</p> <p>If your child has not worn a mask or is resistant, please encourage them to wear the masks in short time frames over the next month. Start with one or two minutes and build time from there.</p> <p>We know students will need time out of their masks and that structured time will be built into the day. We also know some students might have medical conditions that might require a mask substitute and are happy to speak with those families and provide proper accommodation.</p> <p>Acceptable face masks could include traditional masks, neck gaiters, bandanas, etc.</p>

Based on prior communication distributed, what plan option will Catholic Central operate under beginning on August 26th?

Catholic Central will operate under Plan A (see below). Any need to deviate from this plan will be communicated directly to parents immediately.

Plan A

Families and their students will need to make a commitment for the semester on which option they choose.

Option 1 - Daily On-Site Instruction

- In-person learning for all students
- Face coverings required for students and staff
- Extensive health and safety protocols in place
- Preferred method of instruction

Option 2 - Elective Virtual Instruction

- Remote option for all families. Families must fill out a Virtual Instruction Registration Form no later than August 7th if they are choosing this option.
- Instructors live-stream each period (or at designated times at the elementary level) to engage students virtually
- Students follow normal class schedule for live classroom instruction and interactions with instructors and peers

<p>What are the possible other plans that Catholic Central could operate under, should COVID conditions change?</p>	<p><u>Plan B</u> <i>This model will be utilized if there are mandates limiting the number of students in attendance daily. Families and their students will need to make a commitment for the semester on which option they choose.</i></p> <p><u>Option 1 - Blended Daily On-Site & Virtual Instruction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-person learning for all students ● Face coverings required for students and staff ● Extensive health and safety protocols in place ● Preferred method of instruction <p><u>Option 2 - Elective Virtual Instruction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remote option for all families ● Instructors live-stream each period (or at designated times at the elementary level) to engage students virtually ● Students follow normal class schedule for live classroom instruction and interactions with instructors and peers <p><u>Plan C</u> <i>This model will be utilized if schools are mandated to cease on-site instruction or should a COVID outbreak force Catholic Central to learn remotely. Faculty will be present in the building during the school day to orchestrate instruction.</i></p> <p><u>Virtual Instruction for All</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faculty live-stream each period (or at designated times at the elementary level) to engage students remotely ● Students will follow their normal class schedule
<p>Will a remote or hybrid option be offered from the beginning of the year?</p>	<p>Yes, under the current operational Plan A, families will have the opportunity to choose between daily, on-site instruction or elective virtual instruction. Families will need to notify the school on which option they are choosing for their child/children via the “Virtual Instruction Registration Form” form no later than August 7th. Families choosing the virtual option should reach out to Assistant Principal, Beth Allman either by email Ballman@ccirish.org or phone 937-325-9204 x 163.</p>
<p>Will the school close again this year?</p>	<p>While the goal for the year is to remain open, we saw in March that sometimes we do not have ultimate control, as the state mandate forced the move to distance learning. If the state or county mandates another school closure, we will be well-prepared for this possibility. We must also understand that a local outbreak of COVID-19 or multiple mandatory quarantines may also result in a school closure, resulting in Catholic Central operating on Plan C. Students without access to an electronic device will be provided one. This will create a better structure for the students, as they will not have to share</p>

	<p>devices with their siblings or parents. There will be established class times in order to create a more stable and structured learning environment for all of the students.</p> <p>Any school closing or change in plan will be based on the guidance or order from the State of Ohio, the Clark County Combined Health District, and/or the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.</p>
<p>If there is a mandated closure, will I receive a tuition refund?</p>	<p>Catholic Central is committed to providing quality instruction to all students from preschool through 12th grade, especially under challenging circumstances. Teachers will continue to provide live instruction and educational support - even if the school building is forced to close. Tuition will continue to pay for the faculty's delivery of instruction and associated costs, and will not be refunded. Expenses actually increased due to the COVID pandemic situation, through purchasing protective equipment, technology upgrades, expanded cleaning needs, etc.</p>
<p>What will happen with Activity Fees if there is a mandated closure?</p>	<p>Activity Fees cover classroom materials, holiday parties, and treats, as well as field trips. In the case of field trips or other activities that will be cancelled this year, a credit toward next year's Activity Fees will be provided, where applicable.</p>
<p>I am considering homeschooling my child or moving to another school which offers a virtual learning option to begin the school year. What if I withdraw and wish to return later?</p>	<p>When a student withdraws for whatever reason, their records will be transferred appropriately and they will give up their space in class. Students interested in returning to Catholic Central will go through our new student enrollment process; all documents, fees, and records will be required as with any new student. <u>It is important to note that withdrawing a student will affect the future availability of any scholarship awards.</u></p>

<p>What will the classrooms look like?</p>	<p>All non-essential furniture will be moved out of the classrooms so that appropriate social distancing of desks can be accommodated. Six feet of social distancing may not be possible in some classrooms/situations, but best effort will be given to encourage, promote, and enforce social distancing throughout the campus.</p>
<p>Are there going to be changes to the cleaning and sanitization of the school?</p>	<p>The school is currently cleaned each evening by a contracted company. Catholic Central has made adjustments to the cleaning staff to allow for a deeper cleaning and sanitizing each evening. Catholic Central has also contracted with Alpha & Omega to apply their GermStop process, which is a misted coating applied to all of our high and medium touch surfaces with EPA registered Penetrex Antimicrobial. This virtually invisible layer will keep killing germs and protect our surfaces for 30 days, even with sanitation procedures being utilized. We have contracted for the 2020-21 school year for the GermStop service.</p> <p>Bathrooms will be cleaned periodically throughout the school day and common surfaces like: handles, rails, & hard surfaces will be sanitized multiple times each day.</p> <p>Hand-washing and sanitizing will be reinforced and encouraged and additional hand sanitizing units will be placed strategically around the school.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the shared drinking fountains; can I send a water bottle for my child?</p>	<p>The drinking fountains will not be usable, but there are water bottle filling stations throughout the school. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school in all grades and will be able to keep them at their desks. Students are only permitted to have water in their water bottles, rather than juice, coffee, tea, soda, etc. We ask that spill-proof, reusable water bottles be sent with children. We do understand that in a morning rush, a disposable water bottle may be necessary, but appreciate the effort to send the other types most often.</p>
<p>Will the students attend Mass?</p>	<p>While we have not ironed out the exact way Mass will happen this coming school year, Mass will be celebrated. Other large gatherings, such as assemblies, pep rallies, etc., will not occur until it is safe to do so.</p>
<p>Will aftercare still be available and are there any changes?</p>	<p>Students will still be able to go to aftercare, but we will have safety precautions put in place, including wearing masks, social</p>

	<p>distancing, and sanitizing. It will be important for parents to register for aftercare and communicate in advance when a student will be staying, so that aftercare personnel can appropriately plan.</p>
<p>What can parents expect if there is an identified case of COVID in the school?</p>	<p>A positive case must be reported to Public Health – Clark County Combined Health District and they will assess the situation and advise on the best course of action on a case by case basis. We will share this information with the affected families. If a positive case of COVID is identified in the school, we will notify you while protecting the person’s identity and following the Archdiocesan policy for notification.</p>
<p>Are there any changes in process for alerting the school if my child is sick or has been exposed to COVID?</p>	<p>If a child is positive or has been exposed to COVID, we ask that school families alert Mrs. Kathy Anderson (PK-8 Principal), Mr. Patrick Rizer (9-12 Principal), or Mrs. Kim Catanzaro (school nurse). All other absences should be reported to the school office per normal procedure.</p>
<p>My child is not feeling well; should I send him/her to school?</p>	<p>If your child feels sick, they should stay home. <i>Return to school for any student sick with COVID should be in compliance with the following:</i> <i>Be free of fever without medication for 72 hours prior to return AND symptoms have improved for at least 72 hours AND at least seven days have passed since symptoms first began.</i> Please familiarize yourself with COVID symptoms and if you are concerned, please keep your child home for the day to better assess his/her health. We are requiring that parents monitor student temperatures at home prior to sending them to school. If your child is running a temperature of 100.0 or higher, please keep him/her home to protect his/her peers and teachers. <u>COVID symptoms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhea <p>Remember that as we move into the fall season, allergies may arise, causing children to sneeze and cough. It is also typical for the common cold, stomach bugs, and even Strep Throat to circulate in a school setting.</p> <p><i>As always please consult with your primary care physician when addressing your student's medical condition.</i></p> <p>Please remember to contact the office to report all absences.</p>
<p>If a child is self-quarantined because of COVID exposure, what will learning look like and will this be treated as an absence?</p>	<p>Teachers will be streaming classes for all grade levels, as well as making assignments available through Google Classroom. If a child is not at school for any reason, it is considered an absence for school record purposes. Consideration is always given for students who are ill and are absent for any length of time.</p>
<p>If my family chooses the virtual instruction option, will my child still be able to participate in sports and extracurricular activities?</p>	<p>Yes, students participating in the virtual option can participate in sports and extracurricular activities, as long as they maintain all attendance and eligibility requirements and adhere to all team and Athletic Department policies.</p>