



*Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School*

*2021-2022 Re-Opening Plan*

*Updated August 6, 2021*

Saint John's Catholic Prep plans to open for five days a week, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. While a virtual or hybrid option will not be offered at this time, the school remains able and ready to adapt its instructional model if necessary.

### Covid-19 Vaccination

After consultation with government and health authorities, as well as several pediatricians, the school will NOT require students to be vaccinated to attend school here at Saint John's. While we will continue to strongly encourage students to get the vaccine, the decision will remain with the family.

### Masking Policy

Saint John's Catholic Prep is committed to preserving five days a week, in-person instruction and preventing the spread of Covid-19 in our school and community.

Therefore, beginning **Monday, August 9th**, Saint John's will require masks (regardless of vaccination status) for all students, staff, and visitors while inside our school building and while using transportation provided by the school. This policy also applies to indoor athletic and extracurricular activities.

Masks may be removed when actively eating in the Viking Cafe.

This decision comes after careful consideration of guidance from the CDC and Maryland Department of Health, and consultation with the Frederick County Health Department.

As always, this decision will be regularly revisited depending on the status of Covid-19 in our community and state.

### Social Distancing

With all students returning to campus, the school will strive to operate with 3ft. social distancing in the classrooms.

### Health Screening

Health screenings at arrival will no longer take place. Parents and guardians are asked to actively monitor the health of their children and refrain from sending them to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 or those of other major illnesses.

### Quarantining

Depending on vaccination status, a student who is exposed or contact traced may have to quarantine for up to 10 days. Current CDC quarantining guidance for Covid-19 positive cases and close contacts will continue to be observed.

### Sanitation

The school building will be cleaned thoroughly each evening and throughout the day in high use areas. Hand sanitizer stations will remain located throughout the building.

### Air Purifiers

Due to the increased number of students in classrooms, the school plans to outfit classrooms with air purifiers as another measure to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. Several of the school's HVAC units are outfitted with built in air scrubbers.

### Lunches

To ensure ample spacing in the Viking Cafe for lunch, there will be three lunch periods during the school day. There will be limits on seating capacity at each table. Students should remain wearing masks until they are seated at their table and actively eating. Once a student is finished eating his/her lunch, his/her mask must go back on. On nice weather days, the Willard Family Patio will remain available to those students who prefer to eat outside.

### Water Fountains

Water fountains will remain turned off. Students will be permitted to carry water bottles with them throughout the day. Like last year, water coolers will be stationed throughout the school for students to refill their water bottles.

### Lockers

The use of lockers will resume, with each student assigned a specific locker at the beginning of the year. We ask students to limit their time at their lockers in both duration and frequency.

### Athletics

The MIAA (boys league) and IAAM (girls league) will begin their respective fall seasons as planned. For athletic competitions, hosting schools will have the right to set Covid-19 policies for their facility (i.e. masking policy, spectator limitations, etc.). Expectations for all home contests for Saint John's will be shared shortly by the athletic department.

### Extracurriculars and Field Trips

These activities are set to resume – both during and outside regular school hours and will follow all protocols set forth by the venue or excursion as well as school policy.

### Bus Transportation

Morning and afternoon bus transportation will continue, and routes will be based on interest and need. Masks will be required on buses.

### Point of Contact

Our Infection Control Coordinator, Mrs. Mary Beth O'Boyle (moboyale@saintjohnsprep.org), remains the point of contact for all Covid-19 matters. She is also the school's primary Certified Medication Technician.