



MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL SUMMARY

Marian Catholic High School is scheduled to open on August 31, 2020 on a daily basis with all registered students and staff. Our school building is large enough to accommodate all of our registered students, in addition to the current complement of staff, while maintaining the social distancing requirements established by the Diocese of Allentown (DOA), Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA), Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) guidelines. Once open, Marian Catholic High School will continue to follow the guidelines as established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in determining the continued operation of the school building should changes need to occur that are related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our planning committee consisted of school administration, teachers, and staff; with guidance from the DOA. In addition, Marian Catholic's Head of School Father Allen Hoffa hosted in-person meetings with the administrative team as well as Zoom meetings with faculty and parents. During the first school year faculty meeting on August 27, all staff will be trained to allow for proper communication of training and strategies, including protocols for monitoring student and staff health. Frequent staff meetings will review of procedures will help monitor the training. The Guidance Office will also introduce best practices for addressing student social emotional wellness for in school and at home needs. Our plan was reviewed and approved by the DOA.

Within Marian Catholic High School, all students and staff will be required to have on their person, the school-issued face mask and/or other approved face mask at all times. All individuals will be required to wear the school-issued face mask/and or face shield or other approved personal protective equipment at most times to help prevent the spread of certain diseases such as COVID-19. If there is a medical reason that the mask and/or face shield cannot be worn, we will require documentation in advance. Masks can be removed while at physical education class, in classrooms where six feet of social distancing is observed, and while eating. Although, masks must still be worn while moving to and from these areas.

Marian Catholic High School classrooms will be setup with student desks situated three to six feet apart from each other, facing the same direction. Students will be grouped based on the maximum occupancy of the classroom while maintaining social distancing between students. MCHS will increase the use of hand sanitizer throughout the day as well as review proper hand washing procedures, sneezing procedures, and other hygiene best practices. Student schedules will limit contact to the same students and same staff every day. Cafeteria groupings will be done by class. Limited access to other staff and students will be enforced.

The cafeteria will be used for student lunches. Students will be separated three to six feet apart to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Students will have two options while in the cafeteria: one, eating silently without their mask on, or two, conversing with other students with their mask on. Students will be gathered for school Mass in the gymnasium with six feet of social distancing between them. Mass guidelines articulated by the Diocese of Allentown will be used.

Students and staff will be educated on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and the procedures to follow should someone present with a possible infection. We will be relying on the parents as the primary caregiver to identify possible infections on a daily basis. Symptom screening should be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day. The school will provide follow-up monitoring within the building. All members of the school community, upon entrance into the school building will be required to have their temperature taken. Staff will be mandated to complete Diocesan survey to record daily temperature.

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Marian Catholic High School relies on volunteers for various activities throughout the building. These volunteers will be deemed essential for the proper functioning of the school building. Each volunteer will be briefed on the updated hygiene practices along with social distancing and mask requirements as well as receive temperature screenings upon entering. We will be limiting nonessential visitors and volunteers and activities that involve other groups.

To ensure our school building is cleaned and ready to safely welcome staff and students, our custodians will use HDOX to disinfect and clean the entire school. This solution is used in hospitals and is recommended by OSHA for disinfecting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each classroom, office, and gathering area will have a wall mounted hand sanitizer pump for sanitizing hands throughout the school day. Marian Catholic was funded COVID-19 grant money to ensure plenty of disinfecting supplies to reopen in the fall.

Our custodians will follow a set schedule during and after the academic day to disinfect and clean the entire school building. They will utilize floor scrubbing machines and backpack misting machines to disinfect the school and contact areas throughout the school day. The custodians will complete a daily cleaning/disinfecting checklist that will be provided by the administration. The ventilation procedure will include leaving classroom windows open during the school day. The custodians will open windows first thing in the morning and will close them at night before their shift is over.

The teachers will also be responsible to disinfect the student desks and classrooms at the end of each period. The teachers will use a disinfecting spray bottle with HYDOX to spray all student desks and contact areas. The teachers and students will help to wipe the sprayed areas down with paper towels and then dispose of the used paper towel into the garbage can. Office staff members will follow the same procedure. The custodian will be responsible to disinfect all other contact areas, outside of the classroom, during the school day with the misting machine.

All faculty and staff will be trained by reading and watching the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for the Diocese of Allentown and training video. Each faculty and staff member will be required to sign the acknowledgement form the first day they come back into the school. Administration will be vigilant in monitoring the progress of stated plans for the first two weeks of school. The first two days of school will be used for student training and procedure explanation.

The teachers and staff members will all be required to report any perceived illness to the office. The office staff and safety coordinator will be responsible for making decisions regarding quarantine or isolation requirements of staff or students. Any student illness encountered during the school day will report to the main office and/or medical personnel available. Should a student or staff member present with symptoms, Marian Catholic High School staff will direct the student to the nurse's office for quarantine until the student is picked up by a legal guardian or in the case of a staff member, they will be asked to leave and not permitted to return until testing is complete.

All individuals that present with the symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to receive testing and not permitted back into the building without documentation from a certified physician. Staff who express concern or unable to return will be addressed on a case by case basis.

In the event someone is diagnosed with a case of COVID-19, we will follow the guidelines from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health for a return to school procedure. Families will be notified that a case has been confirmed within the building via our school's communication system after receiving guidance from State of Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Office of Education. As a school we will, if needed, close school buildings and utilize distance/remote learning as needed if there is a situation that requires that decision.

Marian Catholic High School will follow all guidelines as set by the PDE, CDC and the Diocese of Allentown to determine how students will be able to return. Parents will be mandated, should their child be diagnosed with COVID-19 that a medical note be supplied to the school one day prior to the return to school. Medical note may be emailed or faxed to the school directly from the doctor's office. Students who express concerns about returning to school will be given the option to complete their classwork remotely using the school's Google Classroom Platform.

For student transportation, Marian Catholic High School will work with the individual school districts and follow their policies.

This summary will be provided to all school parents via the school website, social media, and Constant Contact.



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