

This resiliency plan was created using the “Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-2022 School Year” Updated August 17, 2021, which was developed jointly by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and is informed by the U.S. Department of Education and CDC guidance along with information from many other sources. (p.2-3) The vast majority of health and safety measures in this Resiliency Framework are *advisory*, and are offered to schools to support successful full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. Where this framework does not require a specific action by a school district, a district may choose whether to consider or implement advisory information or recommendations. (p.2) All quotes that come directly from the “Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-2022 School Year” are followed by the page number(s) in parentheses on which they can be found.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, state law and rules included several components related to managing communicable disease in schools, including required isolation, quarantine and school exclusion for certain diseases. These requirements continue to exist in state law and rule. (p.2) St. Anne Catholic School has a Communicable Diseases Management Plan provided through MESD which is the district in which the Department of Catholic School (DCS) is located. The DCS is the school’s district office.

When determining how to best support in-person learning, St. Anne Catholic School is working with our Local Public Health Authority (LPHA), Josephine County Public Health. Decisions made are based on the school population, families and students served, as well as the community of Josephine County. The primary factors considered include (p.4):

- Level of community transmission of COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among teachers and staff
- Use of COVID-19 screening testing for teachers and staff who are not fully vaccinated
- COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends in the community and school
- Ages and developmental status of children served by St. Anne Catholic School and the associated cognitive, social and behavioral factors that may affect risk of transmission and the feasibility of different prevention strategies
- Students and staff who warrant extra precautions due to being at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness

Requirements in Federal and State Statute and Rule

On August 13, 2021, OHA adopted OAR 333-019-1025 requiring everyone age five (5) or older to wear a face covering anywhere indoors, including but not limited to public and private workplaces, businesses, indoor areas open to the public, building lobbies, common or shared spaces, classrooms, elevators, bathrooms, transportation services and other indoor space where people may gather for any purpose. (p.7)

The rule requires all individuals 5 years of age and older to wear a face covering while indoors in a K-12 school, during school hours. Certain accommodations for medical needs or disability may be necessary. Children under 5 who are learning in preschool classrooms that operate in school settings are not required to wear face coverings. In any early learning program serving 0- to 5-year-olds, students are not required to wear a face covering. (p.7) The goal for the OHA Mask

Mandate is not to be in place for the full 2021-2022 school year but to go back to local decision-making. OHA will review the situation monthly. However, the virus sets the timeline. Even when we shift back to local decision-making, masks will still be the strongest mitigation tool for the unvaccinated and will help secure the continuity of education. Masks are not required when:

- Actively eating or drinking
- Sleeping
- Practicing or playing indoor sports
- Outdoors
- Playing instruments that are operated by the mouth
- Performing, including but not limited to playing music, delivering a speech to an audience, and theater
- Working alone in an office or classroom

CDC Recommendations for Quarantining

CDC guidance states that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19. This protects the student's access to in-person learning, sports and extracurricular activities. People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, or 2 weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. (p.14)

In alignment with recommendations from the CDC, the following *exception from quarantine* is effective in the K–12 indoor classroom setting: students who were within 3 or more feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face coverings; and other K–12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct face covering use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the K–12 school setting. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. If a school cannot confirm that 6 feet of distancing was consistently maintained or 3-foot distancing with consistent mask use was maintained during the school day, then each person the confirmed case was in contact with will need to quarantine – this could include all members of a stable cohort. (p.18) For this purpose, all K-6 students at St. Anne Catholic School will wear well-fitting masks indoors along with the additional layering of multiple prevention strategies.

Response to Outbreak

St. Anne Catholic School will use the “Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools” toolkit to determine all appropriate responses to any COVID-19 case. Exclusion and isolation protocols are established for sick students and staff identified during the day. St. Anne Catholic School offers free on-site COVID-19 testing for students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms or exposure via OHA's K-12 school testing program. The school's student information system (SIS) maintains daily attendance logs for all students and staff for the purposes of contact tracing. The LPHA will be notified and provided these logs in the case of any confirmed COVID-19 case among staff and students.

Practices for Reducing the Spread of COVID-19

Cohorting

Cohorting is a significant strategy to reduce COVID-19 spread. Cohorting refers to establishing a consistent group of students that stays together for a significant portion of the school day.

Cohorts help manage risks in the potential spread of COVID-19. In particular, the size of the cohort matters for risk management. Student cohorting: (1) limits the number of exposed people when a COVID-19 case is identified in the school, (2) quickly identifies exposed individuals when a COVID-19 case is identified, (3) minimizes the number of people who may need to be quarantined as well as school-wide disruptions in student learning. (p.16)

As with last school year, St. Anne Catholic School students are grouped into a school-day cohort that will remain consistent as they go throughout the day for times such as lunch, recesses, PE and Spanish. A student who attends the after-school childcare program will be in a second cohort. While the school will offer special assemblies and other whole-school activities throughout the year, cohorts will sit together and separated from each other to the extent possible. As many of these activities as can be held outdoors will be in order to further protect the staff and students.

Ventilation and Airflow

Ventilation is a primary tool to reduce viral spread indoors and promote a healthy learning environment. Indoor air spaces need special consideration because of potential COVID-19 transmission from the buildup in air of smaller particles and aerosols that are generated from breathing, talking, laughing, shouting, singing, coughing, and sneezing. While a properly fitting face covering or mask can limit the release of most respiratory droplets and aerosols, smaller particles or aerosols that pass through can remain airborne for minutes to hours, depending on ventilation, humidity, and other factors. (p.16-17)

Consistent with last year, each classroom has its own air purifier, will keep windows open when possible, the HVAC system has M16 filters, and each room runs a UV light in the evening.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. Washing hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections from one person to the next. (p.19)

Staff and students will wash hands at a minimum of:

- Before and after eating
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching garbage
- Before and after going to recess, lunch, PE or Spanish

Physical Distancing, Cleaning and Supplies

St. Anne Catholic School will support physical distancing in the following ways:

- Maintaining at least 3 feet between students to the extent possible. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as wearing face coverings.
- Minimizing time standing in lines
- Maintaining 6 feet between students to the extent possible when eating and when standing in line receiving instructions or waiting during PE activities
- Spacing desks at least 3 feet apart and spacing students when working together at tables

High-touch surfaces will be cleaned after use and at a minimum daily. Floors will be swept/mopped or vacuumed 2-3 times per week. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily. PE and recess equipment will be cleaned at a minimum weekly. Eating surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized between cohorts. Students will have individual supplies and all personal belongings (backpacks, lunch bags, coats and jackets) will be kept outside the classrooms in the hallways. Personal, labeled water bottles are the exception and will be kept with the students.

Volunteer and Visitor Protocol

Volunteers will be allowed in classrooms provided there is only one volunteer at a time and that volunteer may only be in one classroom per day. Visitors to the classrooms are not allowed. All volunteers will be masked when indoors while also working to maintain 3 feet of distance from others to the extent possible. More than one volunteer at a time may work in the office, wearing a mask and maintaining 3 feet of distance to the extent possible. During certain special events such as parties, assemblies and other activities, more than one volunteer at a time in a classroom or the parish center may be allowed at the discretion of the principal.

School Assemblies, Activities and Special Events

One of the most difficult aspects of last year was the inability to hold assemblies, parent nights, programs, and other activities that promote a sense of community and belonging among students, their families, staff and the school community as a whole. St. Anne Catholic School plans to follow recommended guidelines in order to be able to safely hold some of these events and activities during the 2021-2022 school year. The school will carefully consider the benefits of the event or activity and establish protocol that will ensure the greatest possible safety for all involved. Some factors that affect the risk of COVID-19 transmission are the setting, physical closeness of the audience, the number of people in attendance, the level of intensity of the activity and the duration of time spent in close proximity or indoors as a group. All these factors will be closely evaluated prior to the planning of any school event.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Drop-off for the elementary grades K-6 will be the same as last year and is as follows: Families will drive into the parking lot to the right of the church building, follow the driveway all the way to the back, left going through the back parking lot, past the playground and left into the alley. Upon entering the alley, look for staff who will be at the alley entrance to the school campus

which is located between the parish center building and the school building. Stop and let your child(ren) out of the car. The staff member will verbally verify that your child has no COVID-19 symptoms and will take his/her temperature. If a child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, s/he will not be allowed to stay at school. Staff will supervise students as they walk through this entrance and either into the outside hallway (K-4) or into the parish center (5-6) to their classrooms. Classroom doors will be open from 7:45am to 8:00pm. There is no supervision prior to 7:45am so please do not allow children out of the vehicle until the staff member is present. At precisely 8:00am, the drop-off staff member will leave the drop-off entrance. Any child arriving once the staff member has left must be brought into the school office for the temperature check and health verification and from there will be sent to his/her classroom.

Pick-up for the elementary grades K-6 will be the same as last year for now and is as follows: Classes will be dismissed precisely at 2:40pm. Families will drive into the parking lot in the same direction as for drop-off. Vehicles will line up at the end of the driveway before turning left into the back parking lot. Staff and teachers will bring classes out and students will sit or stand along the sidewalk that faces the back parking lot. Staff will call to and walk with students to the authorized pick-up person's vehicle. For new pick-up people, staff members will ask to see an ID if they have not yet met the authorized person. Please do not ask your child to come to your vehicle while you are in line, leave your vehicle unattended in line, or drive through the back parking lot unless directed by a staff member. Students who have not yet been picked up once all other students are gone will be brought to the school office. A staff member will call the authorized pick-up persons and the student must be picked up at the school office. If a student is not picked up by 3:00pm, the student will be clocked into the after-school program and the family will be charged at the childcare rate of \$4.40/hour rounded to the nearest hour.

Drop-off for the Early Childhood classes will also be the same as last year. Families park in the small parking lot in front of the school office, walk through the gate between the school and church, and bring the students to the classroom doors which will be open from 7:45am to 8:00am. Please maintain a distance of six feet if unmasked or three feet if masked. The teachers will take the child's temperature, check the child in and verify the child has no COVID-19 symptoms. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, s/he will not be allowed to stay at school.

Pick-up for the Early Childhood classes will also be the same as last year. Families will come to the classroom doors to pick up their child. Please maintain a distance of six feet or more between waiting family members if unmasked or three feet if masked.

The after-school program will be held in the parish center as it has been during the summer. Students attending the after-school program will be clocked in by the program staff. Pick-up will be at the northwest door of the parish center. Please ring the bell and a staff member will admit you. When you are indoors, as mask is required. Be sure to clock your child(ren) out on the iPad. If students are outside on the playground, program staff will have the iPad with them to clock out children who are picked up. Backpacks will be taken outside with students when they go to the playground.