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Holy Infancy School

Health and Safety Plan

Organizational Safety Standards and Expectations

2021-2022 School Year

MESSAGE TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The health and safety of Holy Infancy School staff, students, families, and community remains the top priority for our school. The leadership team continues to take the necessary steps to protect the health and safety of our community in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to work collaboratively with health professionals, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), and all regional community members to ensure everyone feels safe and secure as we progress through the 2021-22 school year.

In response to the conclusion of various statewide mitigation orders, the Holy Infancy School's Health and Safety Plan outlines protocols that are expected of all staff, students, and families as we transition forward.

Standards and expectations are based on the latest mandates and recommendations by the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health experts.

As conditions related to COVID-19 change, Holy Infancy School's protocols are subject to change and will be revised accordingly.

Holy Infancy School will offer full, five day in-person instruction. Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings while at school. We have created the following plan to help facilitate a smooth and safe reopening of our school for the 2021-2022 school year. We have developed this plan to mitigate risks for our students, staff, families, visitors, and volunteers. It is through this diligence that we will provide our students with a meaningful learning experience while receiving a quality God-centered educational

experience. **We are always interested in meeting our families' needs, and our open door policy creates an atmosphere where families feel comfortable coming to us when they have concerns or fears.**

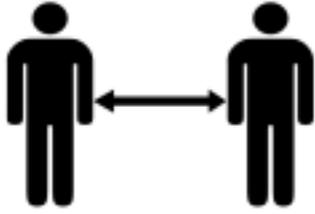
Our goal has been and continues to be to maximize the amount of in-person learning for our students in the safest manner. Some ways to achieve this goal may be found below:

- Use local and state health officials as a resource.
- Participate in contact tracing efforts as directed by local health officials (to the extent feasible and practical).
- Post appropriate signage in classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread.
- **Be aware of and communicate COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying home when sick), good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols.**
- Establish a protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they are in school.

Holy Infancy School is very proud of the fact that we never closed school during the 2020-2021 school year. We provided instruction five days a week throughout the school year. Our staff worked very hard to keep our school sanitized and safe.

COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

 <p>Wear Face Coverings</p>	<p>Holy Infancy School will require all those who enter our school to wear masks or face coverings. We view the wearing of masks and face coverings as a prevention strategy.</p> <p>Students in grades K-6 cannot be vaccinated at this time. Therefore, following the recommendation of the CDC, in schools that include unvaccinated children, of which Holy Infancy is one, we will continue the practice of universal mask wearing for all, regardless of vaccination status.</p>
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**Maintain Physical
Distancing Protocols**

Students and Employees of Holy Infancy School will be required to maintain 3-6 feet of physical distancing.

Every classroom will maintain an assigned seating chart to have readily available the names of students who were in close proximity to any COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT positive student. This will facilitate and determine the need for any necessary quarantine of students.

There will also be a seating chart for each of our two lunch periods.



Hand Washing

Students and staff will be required to sanitize hands upon arrival to school and their classroom. They will also be reminded to sanitize hands throughout the day as good hygiene practice. Students will be required to sanitize both before and after lunch.

Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all classrooms and throughout the school.

Each classroom will be provided with disinfectant and extra hand sanitizer.



Disinfecting

Holy Infancy School will maintain daily cleaning procedures for desks and high traffic areas such as hallways, restrooms, and cafeteria. Deep cleaning will also be conducted.

Students will wipe their desks down throughout the day.

Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air whenever possible, using windows or doors.



WATER FOUNTAINS

As was our procedure last year, water fountains will not be available this year. Students must bring their own water bottles.



**CONTACT TRACING,
ISOLATION, and
QUARANTINE**

Every classroom will maintain an assigned seating chart since any necessary quarantine will be limited to only the students in closest proximity to any COVID-19 and/or DELTA VARIANT positive student (i.e. fellow students seated in front, back, left, or right).

The students will also be assigned seats in the cafeteria for lunch as well to facilitate documentation if a quarantine should become necessary.

In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student(s) correctly wore masks the entire time. (from the CDC website)

Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT should be tested 2-5 days after exposure and should wear a mask in public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test. Regardless of vaccination status, any person with new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT still needs to isolate and be evaluated for SARS-COV-2 testing.

Unvaccinated individuals with close contact with confirmed COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT should quarantine for 10 days as long as they are symptom free. Individuals may return to school after day 7 with a negative test on day 5 or after.



**Stay Informed of CDC's
Guidance Relative to
Travel**

Staff and students are encouraged to adhere to CDC's guidance relative to travel as well as monitor and comply with state guidelines regarding travel advisories or orders.

Stay especially vigilant with self-monitoring relative to COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after travel.

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SCREENINGS

Staff will continue to take student temperatures with contact-free thermometers. No student with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be permitted to enter the school.

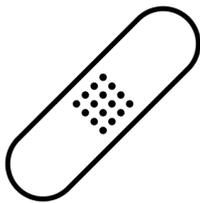
Children with symptoms should not be sent on a bus or brought to school. Parents should report a positive diagnosis of a student or household case to the principal immediately.

If a student develops symptoms during the instructional day, they will need to be picked up as soon as possible. These students will be removed from the classroom and will wait for their parent/guardian in a designated area.

A student who does exhibit symptoms must be free from fever and may not present any symptoms in order to return to school. Additionally, a doctor's note will be required to return to school.

Employees are required to report a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT to the school nurse and principal.

Parents should report a positive diagnosis of a student, household member, or close contact case of COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT to the school office immediately. Guidance from the CDC/PA Department of Health guidelines will be used concerning quarantines.



VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations are currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 and DELTA VARIANT pandemic.

Per guidance, fully vaccinated students, teachers, and staff with no COVID-19 and/or DELTA VARIANT symptoms do not need to quarantine at home following an exposure to someone with COVID-19 and/or the DELTA VARIANT, but should get tested 2-5 days after exposure. In addition, vaccinated students and staff who were exposed to a positive COVID-19 and/or DELTA VARIANT case should wear a mask in other indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test.

Please contact the School Office if you need information on receiving the vaccination.



TRANSPORTATION

Holy Infancy School will continue to follow the protocols determined by the CDC for public transportation within public school districts.

Under a Federal order issued in January 2021, the CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation - this includes on school buses operated by public and private school systems. However, a driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus.



SCHOOL LUNCH

Students will continue to eat lunch in the cafeteria. Student seating will follow the 6 feet distancing protocol established by Holy Infancy School. All students will be seated facing one direction. Two lunch periods have been established to accommodate our students and staff. There will also be a seating chart for each of our two lunch periods.



VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS

We will limit, to the extent practical, visitors in the buildings during the instructional day. Visitors will not be permitted in the school past the Main Office Lobby. Anyone coming into our school must wear a face mask or face covering.

All school personnel and volunteers must receive their clearances and must participate in the necessary training so they are aware of proper protocols. All volunteers will be required to sign the necessary forms to indicate they have been trained in areas regarding COVID-19.



**GYM, RECESS, AND
ACTIVITIES**

Physical Education, clubs, and after school activities will resume. Protocols from the school day will continue during after school activities.

 <p>VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION</p>	<p>Virtual education for the 2021-2022 school year will only be offered in specific COVID-19 and/or DELTA VARIANT related situations such as the need for a quarantine or serious medical situations.</p> <p>We are committed to the health and safety and education of all. Therefore, we will make every effort to maintain in-person learning.</p> <p>Holy Infancy School is very proud of the fact that we never closed school during the 2020-2021 school year. We provided instruction five days a week throughout the school year. Our staff worked very hard to keep our school sanitized and safe.</p> <p>Schools will be able to use a limited number of Flexible Instruction Days for weather related or emergency related school closures. More information to follow.</p>
 <p>DISMISSAL</p>	<p>Student dismissal is 3:00 pm.</p> <p>Students must be picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal.</p> <p>All students are escorted to the bottom hallways of our building to await pick-up by parents/guardians and have faculty supervision.</p>
 <p>LITURGY</p>	<p>Physical distancing of 3-6 feet should also be in place for school Masses.</p>
 <p>CYO</p>	<p>CYO activities will resume. Safety protocols regarding sports will be communicated by CYO.</p>