



Central Catholic High School

Health and Safety Plan



Our commitment to our families is to offer an excellent educational experience deeply rooted in the faith, love and charity of the Catholic Church. Our schools exist for the purpose of promoting a Catholic way of life based on Gospel values and providing our students with a faith experience that will nurture a love for Jesus Christ that will fill their hearts for a lifetime.

As we return to school for the 2021-22 school year, we do so with great faith and hope that this will be a very healthy, happy school year for our students. We faced many challenges last year and our school community worked together to keep in-person instruction available all year with minimal interruptions. This required flexibility, patience, and the need to monitor and adjust protocols based on recommendations from health agencies. While many schools in our area are discussing how to make up for learning loss, we saw growth in students' achievement. Our schools did amazing work in very challenging times!

We are facing similar challenges this school year which require adjustments to our health and safety plan. We know that the most effective education is in-person. For this reason, we place our focus on providing health and safety protocols that reduce potential exposures and reduce the number of students having to quarantine.

In compliance with the latest health and safety guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Health (PDE and PA DOH), Allegheny County Department of Health, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP) Policy Lab, the accompanying framework will serve as the template for the 2021-2022 school year. Take the time to read through the protocols. Of critical importance is the knowledge we all have from living through this pandemic that the environment can change quickly. We will be responsive to those changes as the situation improves or worsens in our communities. This includes every layer of mitigation and may require decisions to be adjusted on short notice.

We had all hoped for a "normal" return to school this year, but we do our very best to follow proper safety protocols. Your collaboration and patience is key in providing our students with proper school days in class with their friends.

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Health and Safety Plan Summary: Central Catholic High School

Anticipated Launch Date: 27 Aug, 2021

Use these summary tables to provide your local education community with a detailed overview of your Health and Safety Plan. LEAs are required to post this summary on their website. To complete the summary, copy and paste the domain summaries from the Health and Safety Plan tables above.

Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)	<p>All surfaces and floors will be cleaned and disinfected with EPA approved products. Highly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, light switches, desks, etc. will be sanitized frequently throughout the school day.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, dining halls, gym, and in hallways, and replaced when needed.</p> <p>Disinfecting wipes will be available in all classrooms, dining halls, and will be replaced when needed.</p> <p>When possible, and safe, windows and inside doors will be left open to allow for increased ventilation throughout the school day.</p> <p>Outside air exchangers in spaces with A/C will be set to provide the highest rate of exchange.</p> <p>Spaces without air exchangers will have open windows and ceiling fans to increase air exchange and/or air filtration devices.</p> <p>Deep cleaning will be conducted periodically.</p> <p>Additional cleaning staff will be employed during the school day to clean and sanitize.</p>

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible	<p>Students will be spaced 3 – 6 feet apart to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Desks should all face in the same direction.</p> <p>As much as practical, move any non-essential furniture, materials or equipment and store in a place outside of the room</p> <p>Each student is encouraged to provide their own supplies to reduce the need to share supplies.</p>
* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms	<p>Chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Additional staff will be on hand to clean and sanitize between lunches.</p> <p>An additional dining hall will be used to reduce the number of students.</p> <p>Air flow will be increased to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to eat in the Quadrangle in good weather.</p>
* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices	<p>Teachers or administrators will review hygiene practices with students.</p>
* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs	<p>Signs will be posted regarding handwashing and other COVID practices.</p>

<p>Limiting or restricting visitors and volunteers</p>	<p>Visitors who will be in the classroom for a full period need to be fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Parents / guardians picking up their student will go to the Visitors' Center and sign out their student. If the student is not waiting, the parent / guardian will wait in the Quadrangle or their car for their student.</p>
<p>* Handling sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports for recess and physical education classes</p>	<p>Use outdoor spaces as much as possible.</p> <p>Limit the use of shared objects (gym and sports equipment)</p> <p>Any activity that would involve close contact will be conducted outside. If inside, the activity must not involve close contact.</p> <p>Modify athletic practices to conform to WPIAL and PIAA guidelines.</p>
<p>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</p>	<p>All students are required to have their own supplies.</p> <p>Central Catholic has a one-to-one technology program for all students. Students who do not have Internet access at home will be provided with a Wi-Fi hotspot.</p>
<p>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</p>	<p>Central Catholic has two drop off areas, one for buses and one for car drop off.</p> <p>For private school buses, students will follow the directions of the transportation provider.</p> <p>Busing protocols are dependent upon the local school districts who transport to Catholic Schools.</p> <p>Masks are required on school busses and vans for transportation to and from athletic events, extra-curricular activities, and field trips.</p>

Other social distancing and safety practices	Assemblies and large gatherings of students will be held with appropriate safety measures taken.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	<p>Students and staff will do a daily self-check health screening at home.</p> <p>Students and staff are encouraged to stay home when feeling sick.</p> <p>Any student exhibiting signs of illness is sent to the isolation area and a parent/guardian is contacted to take the student home or to a healthcare facility.</p> <p>Any staff member that exhibits signs of illness is sent home or to a healthcare facility.</p> <p>All areas where the ill student/staff member may have been are closed off and then completely cleaned and disinfected.</p> <p>In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators will notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality.</p> <p>Any students/staff that have had close contact (< 3 feet for > 15) may be asked to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms.</p>

<p>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p>	<p>If a student/staff member becomes ill/has a history of exposure, they will be sent to the isolation area.</p> <p>A staff member will call a parent/guardian to pick up the student and take them home or to a healthcare facility. If they are taken to a healthcare facility, Central Catholic will notify the facility of the possibility of a COVID-19 case.</p> <p>If a staff member becomes ill, they will be sent home or to the isolation area and call for someone to get them if they are too ill to transport themselves. If they are taken to a healthcare facility, Central Catholic will notify the facility of the possibility of a COVID-19 case.</p> <p>Completely clean and disinfect the isolation area after the person who was ill left.</p> <p>If a visitor is exhibiting signs of illness, they are not to enter the building and are asked to leave. All surfaces and areas that were contaminated are disinfected.</p>
<p>* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school</p>	<p>Central Catholic will follow the COVID-19 decision tree published by AIU3 in consultation with the Allegheny County Health department.</p>

Other Considerations for Students and Staff

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness	PPE resources are available to all who enter the school. PPE is available at the welcome center and at the front desk of the STEM building.
* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff * Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students	<p>Face masks requirements will be determined in accordance with the county transmission metrics and the guidance from various sources, which may include, but not limited to the CDC, PA DOH, PDE, and Allegheny County DOH. This policy is subject to change at any time and will be communicated when adjustments are made. At this time, face coverings will be worn by everyone inside.</p> <p>In classrooms where social distancing does not allow students to remove masks, it is recommended that teachers provide students a mask break outside – especially during warm weather.</p>
Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals	<p>Students who are unable to wear a face covering (face or shield) must take classes online. Central Catholic does not offer a fully online option, so they must enroll in their cyber charter school.</p> <p>In the event of a quarantine or other health issue, there will be the ability to Zoom in. Except for a quarantine, A doctor's note is required before being considered.</p>

Strategic deployment of staff	<p>High Schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are following the Federation of Diocesan Pittsburgh Schools Agreement</p> <p>Reasonable accommodations will be made for faculty and staff who are at a higher risk.</p>
Students, faculty and staff returning from travel	<p>Refer to guidelines from the Department of Health regarding quarantine practices required for students and staff following travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic Travel: Domestic Travel During COVID-19 CDC - International Travel: International Travel During COVID-19 CDC
Celebrating Mass	<p>The schools will follow guidelines for parishes regarding liturgical celebrations and Mass attendance.</p>
Relaxation of the Dress Code	<p>The shaving requirement for students is waived while the face covering requirement is in place.</p> <p>Full dress code requirements are found in the student / parent handbook.</p> <p>Depending on the temperature at the start and end of the school year, the administration may relax the tie requirement.</p>
Supporting Mental Health	<p>Students and staff will be provided frequent check-ins regarding overall mental health and opportunities for awareness.</p>