St. Alphonsus Parish School
School Plan 2021-2022, Updated: August 26, 2021

Modality
St. Alphonsus Parish School will resume an in-person learning model. The school will not be supporting a remote or hybrid learning environment unless local health conditions dictate a shift in modalities.

Guiding Principles and On-Going Plan Development

- Continue to assess the most current guidelines and update this plan accordingly.
- Maintain full commitment to three guiding principles throughout the planning and reopening process:
    - Prioritizing the health and safety of our students, staff and community
    - Emphasizing the importance of an in-person St. Alphonsus Community experience
    - Ensuring the continuity of student learning and growth

Source of Guidance
Our School Plan is informed by the WA State Department of Health and the Office of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Office of Catholic Schools assists area schools in interpreting the state guidelines, which are always subject to change.

Health & Safety Guidelines

Vaccination
Vaccination can provide an additional safeguard against the spread of COVID and potential school impacts. Student vaccination is **not** mandated for school enrollment at this time. Per Governor Inslee's order on August 18, all faculty, staff, coaches, and volunteers are required to be vaccinated.

Proof of Vaccination Required
Students: **A copy of the student's vaccination card must be submitted via email to the Main Office by Tuesday, September 7.** Verbal attestation for vaccination is not acceptable.

Volunteers: Any school volunteer (access to students) is also **required** to submit proof of vaccination to the **Main Office**. All volunteers must follow the COVID health and safety protocols of the school.

Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Students/Families

St. Alphonsus has adopted CDC guidelines for students who have been fully vaccinated. As outlined by the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine. Fully vaccinated students/families can:

- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure ***if asymptomatic.***
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States.

Travel

Please refer to the **CDC Travel Guidance** for safety recommendations. The school will not provide remote learning for families who choose to travel.

Masks

Indoors: All students, staff, volunteers, and visitors are required to wear a mask when indoors on campus, regardless of vaccination status. Gaiters, scarves, bandanas are not permitted. Masks should only be removed while eating. Masks must be removed for 2-4 year olds during naps. Students and staff must wear masks indoors during PE classes. Students who intentionally do not adhere to the school mask policy will be referred to the Principal for disciplinary action.

Outdoors: Given the recent surge in COVID cases and our commitment to provide sustained in-person learning, **masks will be required outdoors for all students, regardless of vaccination status**.

Lunch

During lunch, the distance between students will be maximized to the degree possible (3-6 feet). We intend to have students eat in the cafeteria, but lunch may occur outside or in other designated places on campus. Tables will be sanitized between groups.

Physical Distancing and Classroom Seating

While on campus, all members of the St. Alphonsus community must practice physical distancing. Student desks will be arranged so 3 feet of distance is maintained to the degree possible.

Daily Schedule

School begins promptly at 8:30am each day and dismisses at 3:05pm, except for Wednesdays when school ends at 2:15pm for staff professional development. Students should not arrive at the playground or school campus prior to 8:10am. Parents/guardians are requested to pick up their children by 3:15pm,

unless they are participating in an after-school activity. At this time, parents/guardians are not allowed to wait inside the building to pick up students. Please refer to our website for the **parking flow map**.

Health Attestation
Daily health attestation and temperature checks are not required at this time. Families are encouraged to take their students' temperatures at home before coming to school.

Cohorting
Cohorting by class is not required indoors or outdoors.

Practice Good Hygiene
Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching the face, and follow other CDC recommendations for good hygiene.

Stay Home if Sick
St. Alphonsus requires all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to stay home if they are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

Isolation Room
Anyone on campus who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will be directed to the Main Office and placed in an isolation room until they can safely leave campus. Parents will be notified immediately if their student is displaying symptoms of COVID-19. If a student needs to be picked up from school, parents are expected to do so in a timely manner.

Required Reporting Positive Case of COVID-19
If a student or member of their household tests positive for COVID-19, families must notify the **Main Office** and follow the **DoH protocols** before returning to campus and participating in school-sponsored activities. This information will remain confidential and allow the school to initiate its communication protocols. In the event of a positive case in our student body or staff, St. Alphonsus will communicate to all families and staff. Students and staff identified as close contacts will also be notified.

Close Contact with Confirmed Case of COVID-19
Students and families identified by local health officials as a close contact to a confirmed case are also to notify the Main Office and follow the **DoH protocols** before returning to campus and participating in school-sponsored activities. St. Alphonsus will communicate with impacted students and families regarding procedures for returning to school and school-sponsored activities.

School Communication Regarding Positive COVID-19 Cases
St. Alphonsus will communicate to all families if there is a positive COVID-19 case among students or staff. Names of individuals are kept confidential.

Visitors

All visitors are required to check in at the Main Office to meet their host, and to follow the COVID health and safety protocols of the school.

Seating Chart
Teachers are required to have a fixed seating chart and submit it to the Principal. Exceptions may include P.E. and Library, where students maintain physical distancing but are not seated.

Shared Objects
Students should exercise caution when sharing their devices or other school supplies with other students.

Ventilation
To improve ventilation, teachers will teach their classes with a window and classroom door open. Students should be prepared for cooler temperatures.

Facilities and Cleaning Procedures
The school will continue with increased cleaning protocols as outlined by the WA State Department of Health. All common spaces throughout the building will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. Sanitizing wipes and cleaner will be available in each classroom for students and teachers to sanitize their spaces if they would like.

Extended Care
Please complete this **SURVEY** if you intend to use extended care for 2021-2022. With the current guidance available, we intend to offer extended care for students in preschool-6th grade until 6pm on Monday-Friday. At this time, morning extended care will not be offered. Extended care will not be offered on holidays or days with an early release (noon dismissal). With uncertainty due to COVID, it is highly unlikely we will be able to accept walk-in or same day bookings for extended care. Therefore, if you are interested, please be sure to complete this survey so we can plan accordingly.

Extracurricular Activities (Clubs, Field Trips, etc.)
Students, teachers, and support staff must follow all requirements within this document when participating in school-sponsored activities, contests, shows, etc., even if not in a classroom setting.

CYO Sports
We are awaiting more guidance for CYO Sports.