



## COVID School Safety Plan Overview Fall 2020 Reopening

Our school reopening plan follows **key disease avoidance principles**. We will institute **layers of protection** to mitigate risk and keep COVID out of our schools. These principles follow CDC and local health guidelines and are described in the following health and safety components. This document provides an overview of the more detailed and comprehensive safety plan for our schools, which will be released in August.

**Screening:** Daily temperature and symptom checks of all staff and students prior to entry.

**Social Distancing:** Classrooms will be set up for social distancing. When 6 feet apart is not possible, plexiglass barriers will be used. Students will remain in 'pods' of 10-12 students with one to two adults. Pods will learn, eat, and engage together but will not mix with other pods throughout the school day. All clubs, meetings, and gatherings will be held virtually.

**Visitors:** Only essential and pre-approved visitors will be allowed on campus.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Face masks will be required for all students, staff, and visitors in the school building. Face shields or other alternatives may be identified as acceptable only for students or staff with documented special needs or health conditions, requiring advanced, written approval by the school Principal. Masks will not be required at certain times throughout the day such as eating and outdoor recess time. Every classroom will be equipped with cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, gloves and masks.

**Extensive and Frequent Cleaning:** Our cleaning crew will clean, disinfect and sanitize daily. Bathrooms and other high-traffic areas will be cleaned more often. A logging and accountability plan will be required for cleaning. Extra deep cleaning will occur weekly and as needed. Frequent cleaning of all high touch surfaces and regular hand washing will occur. All people in the building - teachers, students, custodians, and staff - will have responsibility for cleaning and sanitizing their spaces throughout the day. Supplies will be provided and teachers will incorporate these cleaning and hygiene practices into their daily classroom routines. All cleaning supplies used are EPA approved.

**Building Analysis:** A full analysis of each building and classroom has been conducted to evaluate size, space and ventilation. Each building will have its own safety plan that is specific to the individual environment. A health room is identified in each building.

**Flexible & Timely Response Plan:** A comprehensive response plan in case of a positive case of COVID in our school includes consultation with the health department, a care and communication plan, close contact analysis, and evaluation of response criteria. If a child becomes ill during the school day, they will be moved to a separate health room to wait to be picked up, and any symptomatic adults will leave safely and swiftly. We will follow the latest guidance from the health department to determine when someone who exhibits symptoms can safely return as well as if a pod or school will have to quarantine or adjust the schedule. Parents will be notified in a timely manner of any COVID-positive cases within their pod and informed of the response plan in each case.

**Training & Education:** A comprehensive training plan will be delivered in August and integrated into communication throughout the school year for staff, children and families. This includes but is not limited to health and behavioral requirements for our in-person environment, proper hygiene techniques, information about how to prevent the spread of germs, proper use of face coverings, and identifying and responding to symptoms. Appropriate building signage will complement this training. Safety is our number one priority. An accountability plan for students, families and staff will be enforced.

**Equitable access:** Schools will work with families to ensure chromebooks and home internet are accessible for every student. Meals will be made available to students in both the digital and the in-person pathway. By offering both an in-person and digital pathway, we are ensuring every student has equitable access to a great education this school year.

### **About this plan**

In-Person learning is dependent upon safety plan approval by the City Health Department. Our preliminary safety plans have been developed and informed by a collaborative team at Seton Catholic Schools. The team includes subject-level experts in academics, facilities management, operations, communication, safety and compliance. We have obtained guidance from Marlaina Jackson, Deputy Health Commissioner of Milwaukee Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Instruction, Seton teachers and counselors, Dr. Smriti Khare, President of Primary Care Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and the medical professionals with Ignatian Volunteers.

Components in the school safety plan are subject to change as we work through consultation with the City Health Department. Additional details will be released once approved by the City Health Department.