



RETURN TO CAMPUS
2021-2022

Providence Catholic will be returning to full pre-pandemic operations including...



- In-person learning for all students Monday-Friday following the daily schedule format of AACBA with pre-pandemic bell schedules (Calendar located on our website)
- Student arrival as early as 6:30 a.m.
- All-School Masses & Assemblies
- Lunch schedule and service (Students will be 4 to a table in the Commons)
- BLC printing before and after school with study hall attendance available during certain periods of the day
- Sharing and distributing classroom materials
- Science Labs
- All extracurricular activities, theatre, music, clubs, field trips, etc. (Athletics will follow IHSA and IDPH sports guidance.)
- Daily access to hallway, PE and athletic lockers
- Backpacks cannot be carried to classes during the school day
- Storing cell phones in a locker or classroom pocket chart during instructional times
- Earbuds and headsets may not be worn during passing periods or in the hallway
- 5-minute passing periods
- Student dismissal at 2:35 p.m. with no staggering
- All dress code and grooming regulations
- The expectation that students follow all rules and regulations set forth in the Providence Catholic Student Handbook

REMOTE LEARNING:

All instruction will be in person. Exceptions to this may include temporary circumstances such as COVID-19 quarantine/isolation and hospitalization. Circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Students participating in remote learning CANNOT participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities.

VISITORS:

All visitors to the school are required to wear masks. Visitors to the school should report to Door #1 (entrance facing Route 30), ring the bell and report to the Main Office. Visitors picking up a student from the Dean's Office should report to Door #4 (East entrance).

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FACE MASKS:

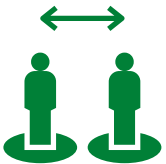
Providence Catholic, following the directive of the Diocese of Joliet, will comply with Governor Pritzker's August 4, 2021 executive order requiring masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students and visitors in Illinois schools.

- ALL INDIVIDUALS (faculty, staff, students and visitors) are required to wear a face mask or gaiter indoors.
- Pursuant to IDPH and ISBE, masks must be worn on school buses including all bus riders to and from school, athletic competitions or practices and extra-curricular activities.
- Bandanas are not allowed.
- There are increased safety benefits to wearing a fabric mask or gaiter of three layers.
- Students should store in their locker or carry with them a second face mask or gaiter in case the first one is lost or breaks.
- Any student reporting to school without a face mask or gaiter will be sent home.
- Students must wear a form fitting face mask or gaiter below the chin and over the nose; these must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times.
- Masks or gaiters cannot contain words or phrasing, inappropriate images, designs or logos that disrupt the learning environment.
- Students are subject to disciplinary consequences for failure to comply with this face mask mandate.

Face Mask Exceptions:

- When a student or staff member is eating breakfast or lunch.
- A person is younger than 2 years old.
- A person is having trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

Face Masks & Students with a Pre-Existing Medical Condition: A physician's note is required for students who are not able to wear a face mask due to a pre-existing medical condition. These students will be required to wear a face shield while on campus. All physician's notes must be on file in the Dean's Office prior to the first day of school.



DISTANCING:

Providence Catholic will maintain 3-foot distance indoors wherever possible. Distancing and furniture placement will not inhibit best academic practices.

- Classroom desks are spaced 3-feet apart; group tables are permissible.
- Every class will maintain an assigned seating chart so any close contact quarantine requirements will be limited to students within 6-feet of a positive COVID-19 case. (See Close Contact definition under Contact Tracing & Quarantine section.)
- There is no longer a requirement that all student desks face the same way.
- 3-foot distance MUST be maintained during lunch periods wherever possible. We will limit FOUR students per table in the Commons.
- Hallways will accommodate two-way traffic.
- Students will have daily access to hallway, PE and athletic lockers.
- Passing periods will return to 5-minutes between classes.
- Students will be dismissed at the same time. There will no longer be a staggered dismissal.

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PRE-CERTIFICATION & TEMPERATURE CHECKS:

Daily pre-certification and temperature checks are no longer required. Parents are responsible for keeping their child home if he/she exhibits any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Students, faculty and staff experiencing any of the following symptoms must stay home:

- Cough
- Fatigue
- Fever or chills
- Headache
- Known close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (if unvaccinated)
- Measured temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
- Nausea and vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat



CLEANING & PERSONAL HYGIENE ETIQUETTE:

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to carry water bottles and hand sanitizer.

- All students, faculty and staff should sanitize hands upon arrival in classrooms and throughout the day.
- Desks and high traffic areas will be cleaned at least once per day.
- Maximize ventilation with open windows and doors.
- Hands should be washed frequently with soap throughout the day.

**If there is a significant change in the infection rate,
Providence Catholic will need to increase the level of mitigation.**

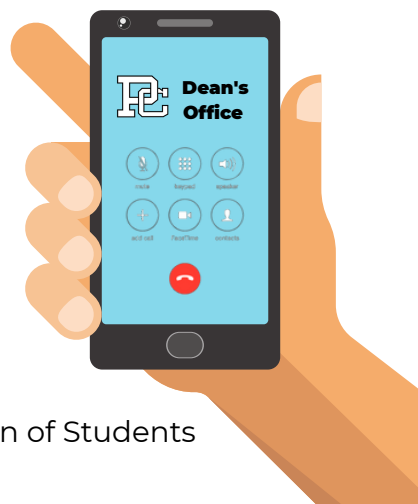
Reporting COVID-19 Cases, Exposure & Symptoms

Parents are required to report a positive COVID-19 case, exposure or symptoms to the Dean's Office.

Weekday Reporting (Monday-Friday @ 2:35 p.m.): Call (815) 717-3130

Weekend Reporting (Friday after 2:35 p.m. - Sunday): Email Mr. Keith Healy, Dean of Students at khealy@providencecatholic.org.

Providence Catholic will report positive COVID-19 cases to the Catholic Schools Office and the Will County Department of Public Health.



Contact Tracing & Quarantine

Providence Catholic will follow prevailing quarantine requirements per the IDPH & ISBE.

COVID-19 POSITIVE:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home from school and isolate for 10-days after the positive test result.
- In order to return to school after the 10-day isolation period, individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 must be fever-free without the use of Tylenol or other medication for 24-hours, and symptoms must be improving.

CLOSE CONTACT:

Building administrators will work with teachers, parents, students and the Will County Health Department to identify and communicate with all students, faculty and staff exposed to a positive or suspected COVID-19 case to determine if they are a close contact and would need to quarantine.

A student, faculty or staff member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous three months from exposure does not need to quarantine.

UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT:

Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact are recommended to quarantine for 14-days and may return to school after the full 14-day quarantine period if symptom free. However, quarantine may be shortened under the following requirements:

- Quarantine for 10 Days: In order to return to school, individuals need to be symptom free and show proof of a negative COVID-19 test dated no sooner than 72 hours prior to the end of the 10-day quarantine period.
- Quarantine for 7 Days: In order to return to school, individuals need to be symptom free and show proof of a negative COVID-19 test dated no sooner than day 6 of the 7-day quarantine period.

VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT:

- Asymptomatic: If a fully vaccinated individual is identified as a close contact and does not exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19, he/she DOES NOT have to quarantine.
- Symptomatic: If a fully vaccinated individual is identified as a close contact and is exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, he/she must remain out of school until their symptoms subside without the use of Tylenol or other medications for 24 hours.