



2021-2022

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines For Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Brownsville

As we welcome the new school year, the Catholic Schools Office has outlined below minimum COVID-19 safety guidelines for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Brownsville. These guidelines will be reviewed and updated as needed throughout the year based on the most up-to-date information available.

- All schools will provide in-person instruction.
- Masks will be mandated for all students, employees and visitors while on campus.
- Social distancing will be 3 feet.
- Self-screening questionnaires will be used.
- Quarantine requirements should follow CDC guidelines.
Those who are close contacts will be required to quarantine.
Those who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days and be symptom free before returning to school.
- Schools will establish an appropriate health screening process for students, employees, and visitors.
- Schools will establish cleaning procedures to include regular cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of facilities.
- Schools should have students and employees continue with handwashing and hygiene protocols related to the prevention of the virus.
- Extra-curricular activities, including sports will resume.
- Visitors are limited to those who are essential for the school needs and will be allowed on campus only after being screened in accordance with the school's screening protocols.
- Schools will share their safe-re-opening plans for in-person learning with parents.

In order to mitigate the spread of the virus, we will continue to monitor vaccination rates, and guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCB ED), Diocese of Brownsville and public health officials, as we strive to provide safe and healthy learning environments for our students and keep our school's open with face-to-face instruction in the 2021-2022 school year.

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