

Reopening Plans for Fall 2020



State of Ohio System

Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public

LEVEL 1

Public Emergency

Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.

LEVEL 2

Public Emergency

Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.

LEVEL 3

Public Emergency

Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.

LEVEL 4

Public Emergency

Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

LEVEL 1–4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS

Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on [CDC guidance](#). High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.

SMA Learning Models

Model(s) we follow will be based on current State of Ohio levels. Model(s) used may change throughout the school year based on COVID-19 numbers in Lake County.

LEVEL 1

All In

All students
every day

LEVEL 2

All In

All students
every day

LEVEL 3

eLearning 2.0

All students
learn from
home

LEVEL 4

eLearning 2.0

All students
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home

All In Plan: All students attend school in the building every day.

eLearning 2.0: All students will be learning from home with an enhanced version of what was implemented in Spring 2020. Expectations will be higher, and students will be required to attend classes virtually if not ill.

SMA Learning Models, cont.

- ❖ An individual building **may** be directed to close by the Lake County General Health District.
- ❖ If teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces available substitute teachers, SMA **may** shift to eLearning 2.0.
- ❖ If the Ohio Department of Health makes a school closure announcement on Thursday, school response is following Monday for parental planning.

Learning Options

- ❖ St. Mary of the Assumption School will start the year with 5-day-a-week, in-person learning.
- ❖ If you feel that the **Simultaneous Learning Option** (See next slide) will be a better fit for your child/ren when our school building is open, you may choose that option via the survey.
- ❖ The option you choose must be followed for an entire quarter. If you feel that the option you chose—in-person or Simultaneous is not working well for your child/ren, please contact Mrs. Benns by the end of the quarter to discuss making a change.

Simultaneous Learning Option

- ❖ Simultaneous Learning students are part of our school community and will attend their classes & complete assignments virtually.
 - Students will hold the same school hours as their in-person classmates and will be required to “attend” all their classes—via live-streaming—from home, following their daily schedules.
 - Attendance will be taken each morning by 7:45, so students will have to be logged on and present for attendance, prayer, and announcements.
- ❖ Students will be expected to be at a designated work space, have materials ready, and be dressed in an SMA uniform shirt/sweatshirt or spirit wear.
- ❖ Simultaneous Learning students will be expected to adhere to policies and procedures outlined in the Handbook, complete & turn in work/take assessments, and participate in class discussions just as their in-person classmates.

Screening for Symptoms

- ❖ Daily health checks must be performed at home **before leaving for school. If any of the symptoms are present, DO NOT send your child to school.**
 - Staff will self-monitor and take temperatures each day before reporting to school.
- ❖ Although it may be difficult to arrange childcare if your child is home with symptoms or is ill, it is required that you KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME. You will be called to pick up your child if he/she arrives at school with any of the following symptoms:
 - Temperature of 100.0° or higher
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Body aches or muscle aches
 - Headache
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

Screening for Symptoms, cont.

- ❖ The health aide will isolate students who show symptoms of COVID-19 in a designated isolation area away from other students.
- ❖ Parents, or an authorized emergency contact, will be expected to pick up their ill child within 45 minutes of notification from the school.
- ❖ Parents must ensure that all contact information and emergency contact information remains up-to-date in FACTS/RenWeb.
- ❖ The health aide will ensure the clinic and isolation areas are disinfected following a student's exit.
- ❖ When we become aware of a positive COVID-19 case, we will work with the Lake County General Health District to establish proper protocols to move forward.

Returning to School After Illness

- ❖ If an individual is absent from school due to an illness that does not reflect COVID-19 symptoms (injury, pink eye, etc.), they will follow our typical return policies.
- ❖ Any student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19, or who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, **must stay home** until they meet [current CDC criteria](#) * for a return to school.
- ❖ Individuals who only have a fever and no other COVID-19 symptoms, and who have not had any contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, may return to school after they are fever-free for 72 hours without the use of any fever reducing medications.

* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

Morning Arrival

- ❖ All members of the SMA School community will perform health self-evaluation/temperature taking before leaving home in the morning.
- ❖ Everyone needs to wash their hands before leaving the house.
- ❖ Car riders:
 - Temperatures will be taken, while remaining in car, at Door E (flag pole door) from 7:15-7:45. We will follow the parking lot procedure used at dismissal in the mornings as well.
 - If a child's temperature registers 100.0° or higher twice, he/she will have to go home with the parent.
- ❖ Bus riders:
 - Temperatures will be taken as students exit the busses.
 - If a child's temperature registers 100.0° or higher twice, the parents will be called to pick up their child.
- ❖ Students will use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and report directly to homerooms.

Face Coverings

- ❖ Adults will wear masks and/or face shields at all times in the building.
- ❖ K-2 Students
 - Must wear masks when entering/leaving the building, in hallways, etc.
 - Will be given shields to wear in classrooms if preferred over a mask from home
 - Breaks from masks will occur during the day.
 - Clean masks must be worn each day. Extra clean masks are to be kept in back packs.
- ❖ Gr. 3-8 Students
 - Must wear masks/shields at all times in the building
 - Breaks from masks will occur during the day.
 - Clean masks must be worn each day. Extra clean masks are to be kept in backpacks.

Physical Distancing/Cohort Groups

- ❖ Physical distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- ❖ Desks will be separated as much as possible, will face the same direction, and will not be grouped.
- ❖ With few exceptions, students will remain in contact with only their classroom cohort (homeroom), and, in limited times, members of their grade level.
 - Departmentalized teachers will rotate instead of students.
- ❖ Weather permitting, teachers may take students outside for lessons, and windows will be opened.
- ❖ Classroom doors will be kept open to facilitate air circulation within the building.
- ❖ Signage will be posted throughout the school as reminders to maintain distance.

Washing/Sanitizing Hands

- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be located in every classroom, by entrances in high traffic areas, offices, and in meeting rooms.
- ❖ Students will be directed to wash their hands multiple times a day:
 - When entering the building
 - When entering/leaving classrooms
 - After using the restrooms
 - Before/after eating & recess
 - At dismissal

Clean School Environment

- ❖ Each classroom will have disinfecting spray (teacher use only), sanitizing cleaner (safe for use on desks and food prep/eating surfaces), and absorbent paper towels to be used for wiping down items in the classrooms multiple times a day. Cleaners are found on the EPA list for use in preventing the spread of COVID.
- ❖ Cleaning and sanitizing high traffic areas such as restrooms, handrails, doorknobs, light switches, etc. will be a high priority.
- ❖ An electro-static fogger machine has been purchased for use in disinfecting the school.

Lunch & Recess/Water Bottles

- ❖ All water fountains have been disconnected. In addition to any lunchtime beverage, students may bring **one** water bottle each day. Plain water only.
- ❖ The lunchroom will be used on a staggered schedule.
 - Each class will have 2 or 3 regularly scheduled days in the lunchroom per week (with assigned seats).
 - When not in the lunchroom, students will eat in the classrooms.
 - On days eating in the classroom, there will be **NO NUTS/NUT PRODUCTS** allowed to be packed in any child's lunch. It is necessary for us to take the life-threatening allergies of students seriously and for all of us to make accommodations that ensure their safety.
 - Hot lunches will be delivered to the classrooms in "to-go" containers.
- ❖ Students must be able to open all items packed in their lunches without adult assistance.
- ❖ No snacks or ice cream will be sold. Milk may be purchased using the monthly order form, or, occasionally, please, by alerting the homeroom teacher at the beginning of the day that a milk needs to be bought that day.
- ❖ Recess grounds will be divided into sections for separate grade level use. Students may mix by grade levels only.

Visitors/Assemblies/Field Trips

- ❖ Visitors will be limited and will be screened before being admitted to the building. All visitors will be required to wear masks/shields while in the building.
- ❖ Parents picking up students for appointments or when ill are to wait in their car and call the school office at 440.255.9781. A staff member will escort the child to the car.
- ❖ No assemblies will be held this year.
- ❖ No field trips will be taken this year. Virtual experiences will be encouraged.
- ❖ Any extra-curricular clubs/activities will be held virtually until such time as they can safely be held in person again.

Catholicity

- ❖ Students will attend Mass in the church on a rotating schedule.
- ❖ Prayer services will be streamed so students can participate from within their classrooms.
- ❖ Service opportunities will look a bit different this year: We will encourage care for others via food collections, greetings/well wishes/thank you cards being made, etc. instead of in-person service.
- ❖ Care and support of all members of the St. Mary of the Assumption School family will be a primary focus.
- ❖ Visits to classrooms by clergy will be welcomed and encouraged.

Books and Backpacks

- ❖ Nothing from home (toys, decorations, etc.) may be brought to school.
- ❖ Grades 4-8 will use their backpacks instead of SMA totes.
- ❖ Lunchboxes will be kept in backpacks.
- ❖ The number of books that have to go back and forth between home and school will be limited.

Fun Club

- ❖ Currently, we are planning to offer Fun Club after school, but we are awaiting the guidelines which will need to be followed. More information will be forthcoming.

Platforms

- ❖ Seesaw will be used as the platform for grades K-3.
- ❖ Google Classroom will be used for grades 4-8.
- ❖ All students in K-8 will have Gmail accounts to use for completing assignments and navigating from class to class in Seesaw and Classroom.

- ❖ Teachers will use in-school class time to model use of these platforms and will create assignments in order to lead students through the proper steps for accessing, completing, and submitting the work.
- ❖ Teachers will use a combination of online platforms and “paper and pencil” assignments.

Streaming of Lessons

- ❖ If any students are not in attendance (or are part of the eLearning 2.0 program), lessons will be streamed and recorded.
 - If students at home are feeling well, they need to “attend” classes virtually.
 - If students are unwell, they will be able to watch the recorded lesson when they feel able.
 - Students who are absent are required to watch the streamed/recorded lessons in order to stay current with the class content. Teachers will be unable to “reteach” all the lessons students miss while at home.
- ❖ Cameras will be set up to show the front of the classroom (Smartboard/whiteboard and teacher).

Communication

- ❖ Mrs. Benns will continue to communicate with parents via her Wednesday parent memos.
- ❖ If additional communications containing important information or notifications are being sent out, the Honeywell Alert system will be used to alert parents/staff to the forthcoming message. If you miss the call, please make sure to **listen to the voicemail message left by the alert instead of calling the office** to find out what the message was.

Events

- ❖ Back-to-School Nights will be held virtually this year. Details to come.
- ❖ Supplies will be brought in over the course of the first week of school. A schedule of what supplies are to be sent to school in children's backpacks each day will be provided with back-to-school information packets.
- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom/Meet or by phone this year.

A huge *THANK YOU* to all those who spent countless hours meeting, brainstorming, and researching to put together a vision of what will make our 2020-2021 school year as successful as possible!

We did our best under the current conditions and following recommendations from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health, the Diocese of Cleveland, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Lake County General Health District, our Back-to-School Steering Committee, and members of the faculty to create a reopening plan that will best serve our students, while keeping all members of the St. Mary of the Assumption School family safe and healthy. No decision was made without careful consideration.

Please understand that this plan may undergo changes or modifications.