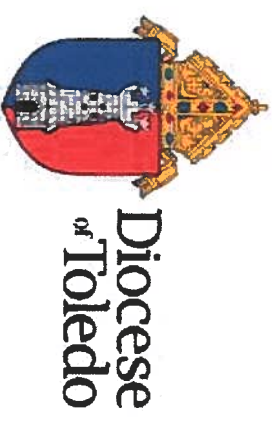
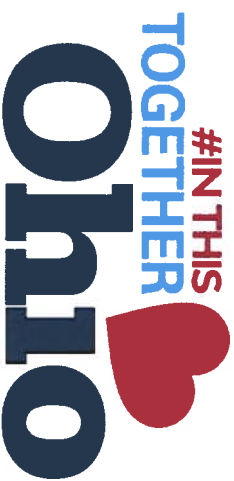


*Preschool, Elementary, & Middle School*

# Fall Restart Strategies



*Educating the whole child **safely** so each is  
Known, Loved, and Served.*



St. Mary of the Snows Catholic School is committed to ensuring the safety of all in our learning community this fall. Mrs. Brubaker has consulted with Fr. Matt, School Advisory Council and local pediatricians in creating this plan which follows guidelines from Richland Public Health, the State of Ohio and the Diocese of Toledo. Many of these slides come directly from the [Ohio.gov](http://Ohio.gov) website. This is a fluid and flexible plan, as changes are likely to occur based upon the prevalence of the virus in our community.

**Our goal is to keep students back in school, in-person five days a week. Students benefit from in-person learning.**

As students head back to school, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recommends following the same layered prevention strategies that were remarkably effective at controlling COVID-19 last school year:

**Strongly recommend vaccinations** for staff and eligible students. Vaccines are our best tool to protect students and prevent the spread of the virus.

**Wearing masks.** Masks have been proven to be extremely effective in slowing the spread of the virus. Ohio researchers conducted an evaluation last year that showed that masking helped control the spread of the virus in Ohio schools. ODH strongly recommends that those who are unvaccinated wear masks while in school.

Additional measures including improving ventilation, maximizing distance between people, and practicing good hygiene, among others.

**Our Policy to start the year:**

**St. Mary of the Snows Catholic School recognizes the right of every family to make the best decisions for their children. We encourage parents and guardians to consult with their pediatricians in making vaccination and masking decisions.**

**Please be advised that the quarantine procedures differ for those who are vaccinated and follow other mitigation measures as opposed to those who choose not to follow these safety protocols.**

# Safety Precautions



- ❖ **Masking/Face Coverings** Richland Public Health recommends masking **Indoors** (except while eating) for:

- Students who are not yet eligible for vaccination (ages 0-11)
- Other individuals who are not vaccinated

*In schools with students 12 years and above masking is recommended for:*

- All individuals who are not vaccinated
- Vulnerable individuals who may be at increased risk of illness
- Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask

## **Outdoors:**

- Masks may not be necessary when you are outside by yourself away from others, or with people who live in your household.

- **Masks are required on the bus per current federal requirement!**

# Safety Precautions (continued)

**Social Distancing** Recommendations for Students K-6 and those who are unvaccinated:

- At least 3 feet between all students in a classroom (during educational school day and encourage cohorting)
- At least 6 feet of distance:
  - Between adults in the school building and between adults and students
  - In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums
  - When masks can't be worn, such as when eating
  - During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercises.
    - These activities should be moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible.
- In community settings outside of the classroom

## **Hand washing and sanitizing:**

Students, staff and volunteers will practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds when hands are dirty, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. Each classroom and common area is already equipped with hand sanitizing stations.



# More Safety Precautions

Additionally :

- Frequent cleaning and sanitizing of the building, especially commonly used surfaces.
- Each student will have his or her own supplies. Supplies will not be shared among students.
- The number of visitors to our school will be limited. Parents and other visitors to the building will not be allowed anywhere except the school office.
- The water bottle filling station is the only part of the drinking fountain that will be utilized. All students are asked to bring a water bottle to school each day.



**You may have COVID-19 if you experience one or more of the following:**

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Repeated shaking with chills.

Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Students must stay home until they have a temperature less than 100 degrees OR vomiting and diarrhea-free for 24 hours without medication.

Confirmed COVID must quarantine following CDC guidelines.

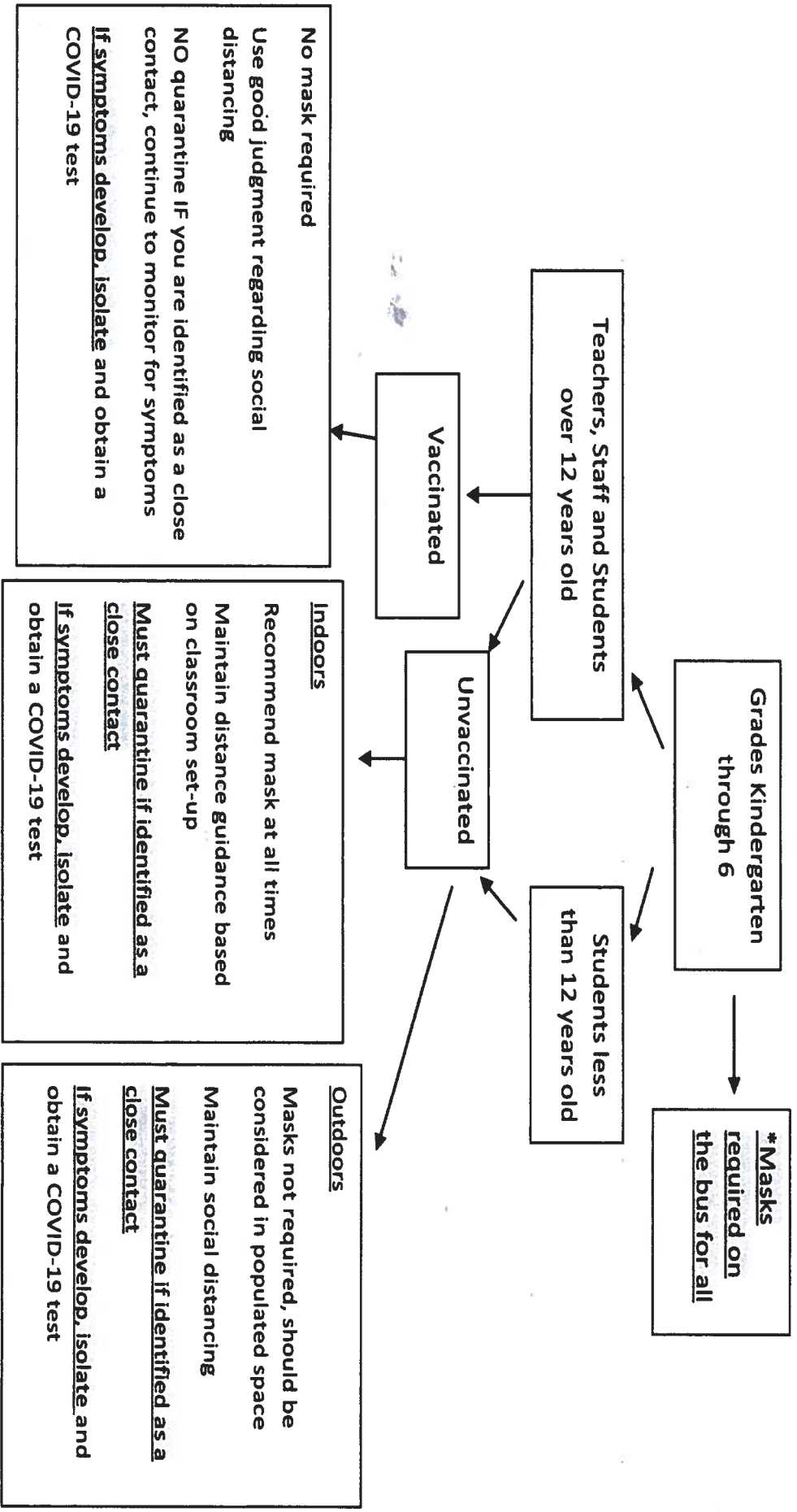


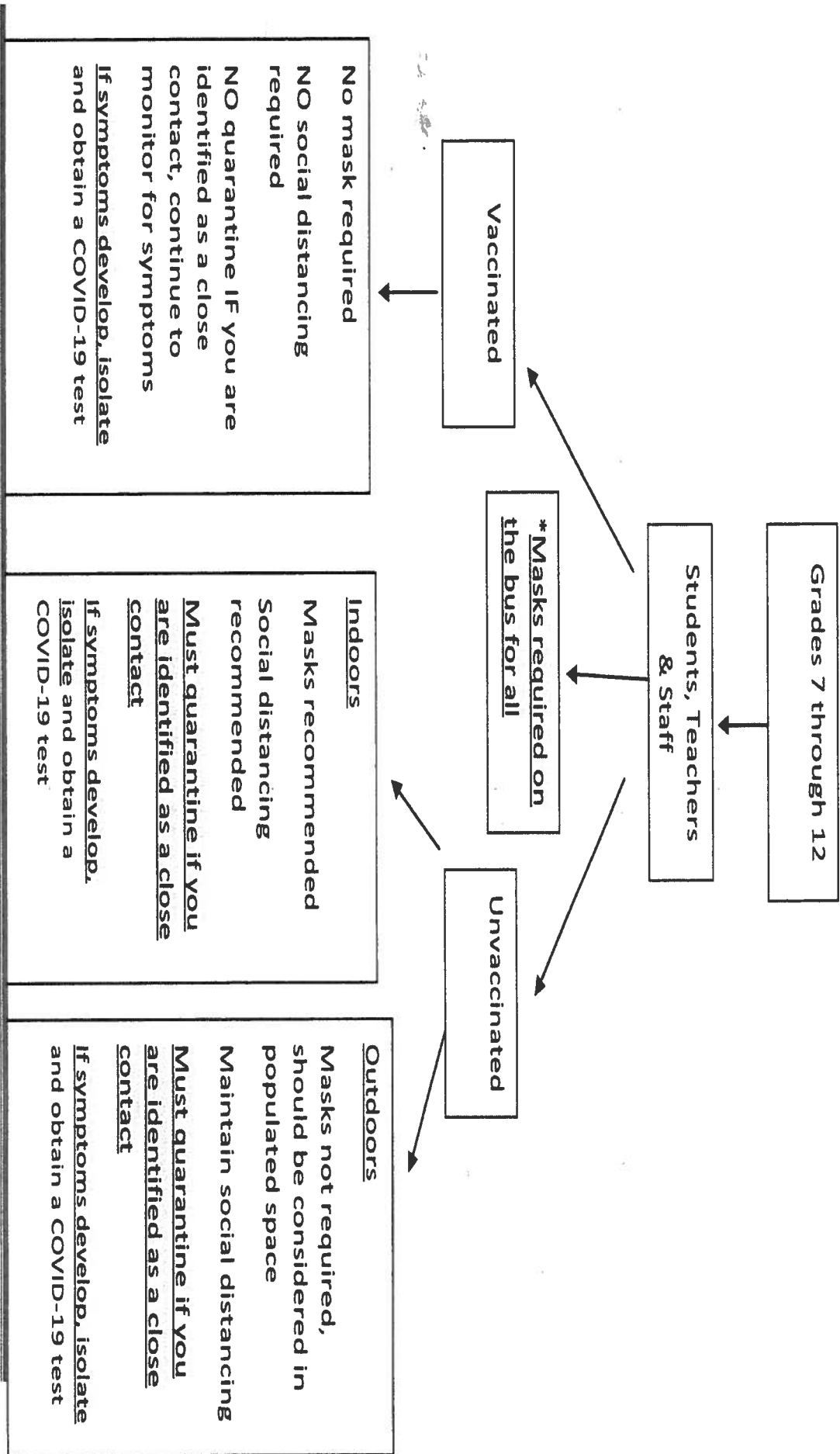
## Quarantine Guidelines

The K-12 school environment is a setting in which layered public health strategies have been shown to be effective at reducing spread of COVID-19. During the last school year, Ohio modified standard quarantine procedures for K-12 students based upon studies and pilot evaluations, including the Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation and CDC's Close Contact K-12 Exception.

Under these modified quarantine procedures, ***unvaccinated students who have been exposed to COVID-19 in school settings can continue to attend school and participate in sports and extra-curricular activities if both students were wearing masks consistently and correctly***, and other layered prevention strategies including appropriate distancing were in place. This quarantine procedure will continue as we begin the 2021-22 school year. ***Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine.***

***Remote learning is required of students who must quarantine.***





# What if a student or staff member becomes ill at school?

- If a student, staff, or volunteer begins to show symptoms or has a temperature above 100°F while at school, they must immediately be separated from other students, staff, or volunteers, given a face covering, and monitored by a staff member wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining physical distance when possible.
  - **The child must be picked up from school immediately.**
- School personnel must refer those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 to an appropriate health care professional or testing sites. An at-home test will be offered to the family.
- Schools must monitor daily absences of students and staff for trends. Students and staff are expected to stay home if ill. Parents or guardians must call the office (419-589-2114) by 8:00 AM to report absences.
- Staff, volunteers, support workers, and students who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cannot return to school until they meet CDC criteria for return to work/school.
- Individuals who test positive for or are suspected to have COVID-19 must experience an improvement in symptoms and isolate for a period of time before returning to school.

# Communication Plan:



As with other contagious diseases, Health Alerts will be sent home if your child has been exposed to COVID-19 at school.

Families will be notified through Option C parent alerts about the current status of school and any changes that may occur. At the start of the year, please check your Option C settings to ensure you have the desired communication method chosen and make sure the school office has your most up-to-date contact information.

All Emergency information will also be sent to:

- The Mansfield News Journal
- Richland Source
- WMFD TV
- FOX 8
- WBNS 10 TV
- WKYC Channel 3
- IHeart Radio: 98.3, 100.1, 101.3, 102.3, 105.3, 107.7, FM; 1340, and 1400 AM
- WVNO 106.3 FM
- St. Mary School's Facebook page



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# Modes of Teaching and Learning:

At this time, schools are encouraged to be open for in-person learning. We will follow this guidance with remote learning ONLY being available if the student or family is advised to quarantine by Richland Public Health. Please be assured that distancing will be encouraged at all times.





# Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue to play a role in the education experiences of Ohio's students in some manner. Should a student need to be quarantined, remote learning will be an important contributor to sustaining educational opportunities.

Each student will have an iPad or Chromebook assigned to him or her and we do have Hotspots available for families who do not have access to the internet at home. Please contact Mrs. VanDyne for more information.

Google Classroom will continue to be utilized in the classroom and at home. Parents may access assignment information and grades on their child's Google Classroom account. Parents must be signed in to their child's account to access Google Classroom. Permission will not be granted for Google accounts that are not issued by the school. This is to protect your child.

Option C will still be utilized for report card information and parent alerts. Please be sure we have the most current information on file so you can be reached.

# Transportation Considerations

## Drop off and Pick up Procedures

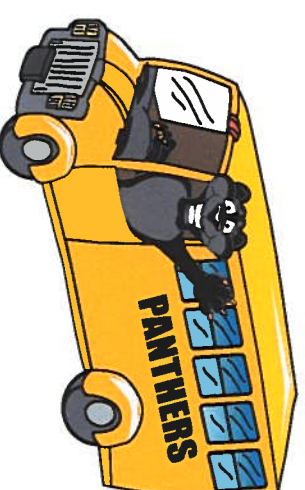
**Drop Off:** Please pull up to the door to ensure there are no other students entering the building before allowing your child to exit your vehicle.

**Pick up:** Please encourage your child to enter your vehicle quickly. *We ask that adults do not exit their vehicles to assist the students.* Our staff member on dismissal duty will assist if needed. We ask the first car to stop at the flagpole so we can load three cars at the same time.

Thank you!

## Bussing

The CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This requirement is regardless of vaccination status.



## **Social-Emotional Health Considerations**

**Last year, St. Mary School implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a tiered model of prevention and intervention supports. We will adapt our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports systems to include common behavior expectations specific to student health guidelines.**



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## What you can expect:

Students will be socially distanced at a minimum of 3 feet apart during class times and lunch.

Students will sanitize before and after recess.

Increased monitoring of restrooms and common spaces for sanitization.

Increased utilization and training for families and staff of technology tools.

While we want to provide as much normalcy as we can, we do recognize that this virus is changing, and so we may need to modify our plans, too.



# How can you help?

- Take your child's temperature each morning before heading out the door.
- Keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well and do not return to school until fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea-free **for 24 hours without medication.**
- If it has been confirmed that your child or anyone in your home has been exposed to confirmed COVID-19, quarantine your child according to the most recent health guidelines.
- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher(s) and office staff.
- Notify the school as soon as possible with address or phone number changes



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