

Dear St. Gabriel School Families,

As we are looking to open the doors for the 2021-2022 school year, we have developed a plan using guidance from the Archdioceses of Indianapolis and the Fayette County Department of Health. I want you to know that we are trying to keep all of our students and families safe while still maintaining as normal a school day as possible. With this in mind, we need all families to do their part to help keep us all healthy. Please self-screen daily before leaving the home, notify the school office right away if any immediate family member or close contact tests positive, and please be understanding as Covid numbers, recommendations, and guidelines could be changing throughout the year.

Self-screening before leaving the house each day will still be required. When the school is notified about any positive Covid cases, contact tracing will take place along with quarantine procedures. As information, guidelines, and the demographics change, I will be the one to reach out to all parents to inform them of any changes to our protocols and procedures. I will use Class Dojo, email, our website (stgabriel.k12.in.us), and the school Facebook page, in this order, to make any announcements.

This school year, as we did last school year, all students will need to bring their own water bottle each day to school. We have bottle fill stations available so they can be refilled throughout the day. These bottles need to close securely so there are no spills. We will also continue with the multiple layers of sanitizing and regular, repeated cleaning procedures throughout the day.

At this time, masks are being recommended but are optional. We are encouraging everyone to wear a mask, but it will not be mandatory. All students will need to have a mask with them in their backpack. We will still be limiting the number of people that have access to the building during the school day. Please be patient and understanding as we try to keep everyone healthy and safe. Attached to this email, you will find our 2021-2022 Covid-19 Plan.

As always, I ask for you to pray for our students, their families, the teachers, and our health care workers. As much as we all would like to be done with Covid, we must each do our part to make this happen.

May God bless you,

Mrs. Struewing
Principal

St. Gabriel Catholic School

Covid-19 Plan 2021-2022

PreK-6 Recommendations	Low to Moderate Case Numbers (*Less than 10% in Schools)	Substantial Case Numbers (*10% or Greater in Schools)
School Status	In-person learning; regular daily schedule	In-person learning (unless recommendation we move to online or hybrid learning models temporarily)
Health Screening	All staff/students self-screen prior to coming to school	All staff/students self-screen prior to coming to school and temperature monitoring at the door
Mask Status	Masks optional; masks will be available in school offices	Mask recommended unless mandated by the governor or the health department
Physical Distancing	Social distancing encouraged whenever possible	Social distancing encouraged whenever possible
Cafeteria	Lunch in cafeteria with normal spacing in lines and spaced seating	Lunch in cafeteria with reduced capacity; tables and physical distancing in lines
Hand Sanitizing/Washing	Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette is encouraged; hand sanitizer available around the building and students may have a bottle at their desks	Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette is recommended; hand sanitizer available around the building and students may have a bottle at their desks
Cleaning	Increased cleaning and focus on high-touch surfaces recommended throughout the day	Increased cleaning and focus on high-touch surfaces required throughout the day
Contact Tracing	School officials will notify parents of close contact exposure; parents/staff are to contact school office when a known exposure occurs; physical distancing following exposure for 10 days	School officials will notify parents of close contact exposure; parents/staff are to contact school office when a known exposure occurs; physical distancing following exposure for 10 days
Bus	Masks required; students will be physically distanced as much as possible on school buses	Masks required; students will be physically distanced as much as possible on school buses
Mass	Masks optional	Masks encouraged unless otherwise mandated

*Percentages are based on weekly data provided by the Local Health Department