



Safe Opening Commitment and Acknowledgement For Annunciation Catholic School

Annunciation Catholic School's vision is to foster each child's potential to create a better world through faith, virtue, knowledge, and service to others. These commitments are particularly important during this continuing COVID-19 pandemic. It will take all of our collective efforts to ensure a safe school year. We all have a personal responsibility to take steps to help protect other members of our community while taking care of ourselves.

At Annunciation, we have developed a mitigation strategy that includes many health and safety protocols to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 at school.

Our School's Commitment to You

- We will follow our mitigation strategies
- Communicate updates if changes need to be made
- We continue to use technology, air purifiers, classroom supplies, PPE, and staffing resources to meet the needs of our students, teachers and staff
- Continue cleaning protocols
- Continue to enforce hand hygiene
- Monitor recommendations for MDH and CDC

Family Commitment

As a member of Annunciation's community, we accept a commitment to help create a caring culture that supports the well-being of each member of our community. We understand that the risks of COVID-19 transmission increase with community interaction, that the health and transmission risks are not fully known, and that Annunciation cannot eliminate the risks of COVID-19 transmission on campus. **However, by working together, our community can help reduce these risks.**

We agree to uphold the expectations of the in the Preparedness Plan, including:

- **Space out:** We will reinforce at home the importance of following physical/social distancing guidelines when our child(ren) are at school.

- **Masks:** We will help prepare our child(ren) for wearing a mask at school by practicing at home. We will provide extra masks for our children to have at school.
- **Self-Screen:** We will follow Annunciation's self-screening protocols each day to check for COVID- 19 symptoms in our child(ren). These symptoms per current Minnesota Department of Health guidelines include: cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, muscle pain, loss of taste or smell and less common symptoms of gastrointestinal symptoms of nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If any of these symptoms are present, we will keep our child home, notify the school office and consult with our physician.
- **Notify:** We will immediately inform the school office (612.823.4394) if my child is diagnosed with COVID-19. We understand that they will not be able to attend class in-person until they are symptom free following the return to school protocols as outlined in the Preparedness Plan.
- **Wash up:** We will reinforce at home the importance of proper hand hygiene when our child(ren) is/are at school.
- **Communicate:** We will maintain open lines of communication between home and school if we have questions or concerns.
- **Follow rules:** Rules and guidance will change. Our family will stay up-to-date on Annunciation's protocols.
- **Stay connected:** We will read school communications regarding COVID.

By signing this agreement, our family acknowledges the contagious nature of COVID-19 and will uphold the expectations set forth by Annunciation Catholic School to limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within our school community.

“Let your light shine for all to see” ~ Matthew 5-16