



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 resonant during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take all of our collective efforts to ensure a safe opening this fall and to keep our community safe and healthy. 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 Preparedness Plan that includes many health and safety protocols to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 at school while offering in person classes this school year. School will look and feel different in many ways and it will take time for everyone to get into new routines. Some things for all of us to consider:

- Our students will need time to adjust to being back in the classroom
- Social and emotional learning will be critical for all students
- Homework for the first several weeks of classes may be less than usual, especially in the younger grade levels
- Students will need extra guidance by parents, teachers and staff to get into the new routines of mask wearing and handwashing
- Communication between home and school and school and home will be even more critical as working together is the only way we can ensure a successful school year

Our School's Commitment to You

- We will follow our Preparedness Plan and communicate updates if changes need to be made
- We will work with all of our students to help them return to a classroom learning environment
- We will reinforce health and safety protocols at school and understand that student missteps are a learning opportunity
- We have invested in technology, air purifiers, classroom supplies, PPE, and staffing resources to meet the needs of our students, teachers and staff
- Increased nursing services

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.
- Mask up: We will help prepare our child(ren) for wearing a mask at school by practicing at home.
- 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 and consult with our physician. We will follow the protocols outlined in the Preparedness Plan regarding returning to school after an illness.
- 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 as we learn more about the pandemic. Our family will stay up-to-date and follow Annunciation's rules and the Preparedness Plan as they change.

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 all that you do be done in love."
~ 1 Corinthians 16:14***