

FAQs for Parents Regarding Re-Opening

How will you determine if it is appropriate to move to Phase B (Remote Learning)? If we shift to Plan B, how will you determine when it is safe to resume in-person classes (Plan A) again?

We will continually monitor the number of students and employees who are sick. We are required to report all cases of COVID-19 among our students and employees to city, county and/or state health departments, who may advise us if it is necessary to shift to remote learning (Plan B), and when it is safe to resume in-person classes. The school principal may also make the decision to move to a different phase.

Why does my daughter need to wear a mask?

Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when masks are used along with other preventive measures such as social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces – all of which will be in place at Mercy McAuley. Students and employees will be trained on the importance of wearing masks. Employees will be watching to ensure all students are wearing masks and will remind students to do so if needed.

What measures are in place to provide some relief from the heat while the students are wearing masks?

There are several air-conditioned locations throughout the building, including the cafeteria, gym, library, auditorium, chapel, and all classes in the science wing. Teachers may utilize these spaces as they are available throughout the day. Extra fans have been ordered for each of the non-air conditioned classrooms. As always, students are encouraged to have a water bottle with them during class throughout the day.

How will you enforce the measures in place for social distancing?

All students and employees will be trained on the social distancing measures and the importance in following them. Employees will be monitoring activity in classrooms and common areas to ensure compliance. Signage will also be posted throughout the building reminding students to practice social distancing.

If my daughter tests positive for COVID-19, and she has symptoms, when can she return to school?

She can return to school after 3 days with no fever **AND** her respiratory symptoms have improved **AND** when it has been 10 days since her symptoms first appeared.

If my daughter tests positive for COVID-19, but she has no symptoms, when can she return to school?

She can return if she continues to have no symptoms **AND** 10 days have passed since her test.

If my daughter is in close contact with a person outside of school (such as a family member or friend) who tests positive for COVID-19, can she come to school?

She can return to school after staying home for 14 days after exposure.

If my daughter tests positive for COVID-19, does her teacher and all students in her classes need to quarantine for 14 days?

According to guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health, if she exhibited symptoms while at school, but she had her mask on, then her teachers/classmates do not need to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms.

What is the purpose of the Virtual Learning Contract that is described in Plan A?

Students who are at high risk of contracting COVID-19 or developing complications from COVID-19, or those who live with someone who is at high risk, may opt to participate in virtual learning instead of face-to-face classes when we are in Plan A. These students would log in to their classes virtually at the same time as they would if they were attending in-person. Any students and parents who are interested in this option must sign the Virtual Learning Contract indicating that they are committed to participating in virtual learning for the first

quarter. These parents and students will have the option to re-commit to virtual learning on a quarter-by-quarter basis.