# Back to School Frequently Asked Questions

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As we prepare to open our schools in just a few weeks, we wanted to provide you with answers to some of the most commonly asked questions surrounding our plans to return to campus.

#### How were these guidelines created?

Our guidelines were created by a Diocesan Task Force comprised of principals, teachers, parents, and healthcare professionals. Click <u>here</u> for a message from Karla Luke, Associate Superintendent, for more information.

### What can I do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

There are several steps all individuals can take to help stop the spread. Click <u>here</u> for a message from Michelle Glorioso, NP, parent, and member of our task force.

### What are our schools doing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

When you return to school in August, you will notice several new procedures in place. Click <a href="here">here</a> for a message from Bridget Martin, Principal at Sacred Heart School in Southaven.

#### Will schools still offer extracurricular activities?

As Catholic schools, we recognize the importance of enrichment activities in fulfilling our mission to educate the whole child. We are working to balance this commitment with current limitations on activities that ensure the health and safety of all community members. Click <a href="here">here</a> for a message from Craig Mandolini, Principal at St. Joseph Catholic School in Greenville discussing plans for extracurricular activities. You can also click here to review the Decision Matrix Guide to which Mr. Mandolini refers.

## What will happen if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at my school?

The circumstances of each case of COVID-19 in our schools will be evaluated to determine what actions are in the best interest of the individual school community. Click <a href="here">here</a> for an excerpt from our webinar with Dr. Carlos A. Latorre, MD, MS, FAAFP, and member of the Diocesan Task Force, explaining how we will determine the best course of action for confirmed cases in our schools.

Click <u>here</u> to watch the complete webinar with Dr. Carlos Latorre and Mrs. Stephanie Brown to answer any additional questions you may have about our return to school.

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