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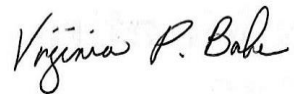
Dear SJA Families,

Attached is an Intent Form with your decision for your child to return to school in-person or remotely this year. Many of you have had the same questions, which I will try to answer in this document.

- Face masks covering the nose and mouth are required and provided by the family
 - Students will wear a mask to school and bring a spare in a ziploc bag
 - Students will be allowed “mask breaks” when outside and 6 feet apart
- Social distancing of 3-6 feet will be observed
 - Desks are placed apart
 - Collaboration will take place when possible while keeping socially distant
- Students will bring their own supplies in a backpack to use each day
 - Supplies and books will be taken home in a backpack each afternoon for cleaning
 - Students may not share supplies, lunches, snacks, etc.
 - Students will not use lockers or coatrooms
 - Backpacks will be kept with the student with their books, supplies, device, lunch, snack, etc.
- Families will receive a health screening document at home each morning to which they must respond
 - Families will screen each child and send the report to the school in order for their child to attend
 - Your child will not be allowed to enter school until the screening form is completed
 - Parents must keep children at home if they are ill
- Student movement will be limited. Teachers will travel, not students.
- Every student will have their own device, having specific programs, classroom management software and content filtering software installed.
 - Grades PK, K and 1 will have an iPad
 - Grades 2-8 will have a Chromebook
- Teachers will share a specific schedule each day with times for direct instruction
 - Students learning remotely are required to be available for the lessons
 - If a student is at home and not attending school that day, they will report as absent
- Visitors will be restricted. Deliveries will not be allowed in the school building during the day.
- The traffic pattern of the school will change with social distancing in hallways and one way staircases
- There will be a strict schedule for breaks (bathroom and recess) to allow for social distancing
- Recommendations from the Maryland Dept. of Health and Education will be followed for exclusion and return of students (flowchart attached)
 - Students who become ill during the day will be isolated and sent home
 - The Local Health Department will provide guidance on specific cases and lead efforts in contact tracing if necessary
- Cleaning, disinfection, and hand-washing will take place throughout the school day
- Prior to the beginning of the school year, the building and church hall will be treated with a disinfectant and protectant spray recommended by the Archdiocese
- The facility will be cleaned and disinfected regularly

We understand that this important decision will be made by each family according to their individual circumstances. The Faculty and staff at St. Joan of Arc School will do all they can to support you and provide a rigorous and meaningful education for every student in a safe environment.

Peace and all good,



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Decision Aid: Exclusion and Return for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness in Schools, Child Care Programs, and Youth Camps

For the purposes of this decision aid, COVID-19-like illness is defined as: New onset cough or shortness of breath **OR** At least **2** of the following: fever of 100.4° or higher, chills, shivering, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, loss of sense of taste or smell, and gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting or diarrhea). **NOTE:** This definition was adapted from the clinical criteria in the [CDC case definition of a probable case of COVID-19](#).

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with **ONE NEW** symptom not meeting the definition of COVID-19-like illness.



Exclude person and allow return when symptoms have improved and criteria in the [Communicable Diseases Summary](#) have been met as applicable. If person develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness, follow processes below for person with COVID-19-like illness.

An **asymptomatic person** (child, care provider, educator, other staff) tests positive for COVID-19.



The asymptomatic person should stay home for 10 days from positive test.



Close contacts should stay home for 14 days from the date of last exposure **even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during quarantine.**

Person (child, care provider, educator, other staff) with COVID-19-like illness.

- Exclude person and recommend that they talk to their health care provider about testing for COVID-19 or whether there is another specific diagnosis.
- **The person should isolate pending test results or evaluation by their health care provider.**
- **Close contacts of the ill person should quarantine per [CDC guidelines](#).**



Person has positive test for COVID-19.



Person does not receive a laboratory test or another specific alternative diagnosis by their health care provider.



Person has negative test for COVID-19.



Health care provider documents that the person has another specific diagnosis (e.g. influenza, strep throat, otitis) or health care provider documents that symptoms are related to a pre-existing condition.



The ill person should stay home at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND** until no fever for at least **24 hours** without medication **AND** improvement of other symptoms.



The ill person should stay home until symptoms have improved and criteria in the [Communicable Diseases Summary](#) have been met as applicable.

The person should consider being tested/retested for COVID-19 if symptoms do not improve.



Close contacts DO NOT need to stay home as long as they remain asymptomatic.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The option for families to attend school remotely is an essential component of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's reopening plan for the 2020-21 academic year. For us to finalize plans for teachers, it is important that you make a formal commitment to one of the modes of learning for the upcoming school year. Below you will see additional details regarding these options along with the opportunity to state your intentions for returning to school.

Due to the size of the student population at St. Joan of Arc, the in-person option will be attending school five days a week. If the number of students becomes greater than the number that we can safely accommodate, we will implement an alternating schedule that prioritizes in-person learning. In the case of an alternating schedule, students will engage in a combination of synchronous and independent learning while at home. We do not expect this to occur.

The remote learning option will require that your **child be available for learning at home during the hours of our school day**. Students who opt for this mode of learning will be provided with synchronous learning experiences, independent work, and opportunities to meet one-on-one or in small groups with teachers. Students will engage in the same content as students learning in-person and will be assessed using the same criteria. Students will engage in remote learning five days a week and students will be given the opportunity to return to school in-person at the end of the first and second trimester.

Please select one of the following options by ***Monday, August 3rd*** and complete one intent form for each student enrolled in the school.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

☐ I intend for my child to attend school in-person.

☐ I intend for my child to attend school remotely.

☐ I am undecided and would like to discuss my options with a member of the school leadership.

If you are still undecided, please provide your name and a preferred phone number.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____