

Resurrection Catholic School

Plan to Reopen

Fall of 2020

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Introduction:

I pray you and your family are safe and healthy as we continue to plan for the reopening of schools this fall. Resurrection School strives to guard, nurture and develop students as whole persons, addressing the physical, intellectual, spiritual, social and psychological well-being of each student. It is challenging to achieve these goals if the students are not physically in school. We are confident and prepared to achieve these goals regardless of the setting.

We are eager to welcome your student(s) back into our buildings this fall! We have missed being together as a faith family and growing together spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially. However, due to COVID-19, we know we will have to take additional precautions to ensure the health and wellness of our students, families, and staff. Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, we intend to cooperate with the Archdiocese, the state and the direction of our local public health officials.

Thank you for your patience, continual support, and feedback as we work together to fulfill our mission at Resurrection Catholic School.

Sincerely,

Lynda Higgins

Priorities:

There are four priorities guiding the reopening of schools. These will not change, even if our learning environment does.

- Learn and share our Catholic faith
- Ensure the health, well-being, and safety of all students and staff
- Maximize student academic growth and achievement
- Provide supports for students, teachers, and staff.

Planning:

We are committed to doing everything we can to protect the health of our students and staff for the safe return to on-site instruction and learning. Our team of teachers and staff worked to develop a comprehensive framework that incorporates the most current guidelines from health experts, educational leaders, and feedback from parents. To develop this plan, the following entities were (and continue to be) consulted:

- ★ Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas
- ★ Archdiocesan principals
- ★ Kansas State Department of Education
- ★ Wyandotte County Health Department, and
- ★ Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

With this plan we are looking out for the health and safety of all children and adults in the school building, continuing to grow in Catholicity, and establishing student academic growth, achievement, and opportunities.

Learning Environments:

There are three learning environments in which we are planning for this year. While we hope to spend most of our time with on-site instruction, we are preparing to move between learning environments throughout the year as mandated by the Wyandotte County Health Department.

	On-Site	Hybrid	Virtual
Student Capacity	Full	Approximately 50% of students in school building	Extremely limited
Social Distancing	6 feet except when in classrooms wearing masks	6 feet except when in classrooms wearing masks	

On-Site:

Students return to the school building with modifications. Students will be 6 feet from each other when possible. Health department guidelines, including mask wearing and hand sanitizing, will be followed.

Hybrid:

When mandated by the Wyandotte County Health Department, this learning environment will include a combination of on-site and remote learning environments. Social distancing and mask-wearing will be enforced while students and staff are on-site.

- Chromebooks will be sent home with students.
- The school will work with families with internet challenges.
- Student grades will be given in the same manner as on-site instruction.

- Students will be required to attend school virtually for a minimum of 6 hours each day during specific school hours. This will not be an optional check-in time but mandatory group instruction on their device.
- In order to reinforce for students that they are attending school, although virtually, students will be required to be in uniform clothing and sitting at a table or desk when logged in from home.

Remote Learning:

If we are forced to close specific classrooms or the entire school, learning will shift to remote (online) learning. This learning model will be more robust than the Continuous Learning Plan of last spring. It will offer more in-depth educational opportunities which will include direct instruction, grading, attendance, and accountability.

- Chromebooks will be sent home with students.
- The school will assist families with internet challenges
- Student grades will be given in the same manner as on-site instruction.
- Students will be required to attend school for a minimum of 6 hours each day during specific school hours.
- Students will be required to be in school uniform and sitting at a table or desk when logged in from home, unless otherwise indicated by the teacher.

Separate Choice for Parents:

Optional Remote Learning

Some of our parents have asked about the option of offsite learning for those families who are concerned about the risk of infection, even with mitigations in place. While we consider the school setting to be the best for academic, social-emotional and spiritual learning, we will provide as much information as possible on what school will look like so our parents will be able to make a decision about their child attending school off-site.

This option of remote learning will be more robust than the Continuous Learning Plan of last spring. This will include direct instruction, grading, attendance and accountability.

- All students will have access to their Chromebook
- Reliable internet must be available at home
- An environment conducive to learning must be in place
- Option will be chosen per semester
- Students should plan to spend a similar amount of time on school work as their on-site peers
- Students must log a minimum of six hours of daily learning activities
- Students who are not enrolled in on-site class are not eligible to participate in or attend activities or athletics on site
- Regular tuition will apply

Public Health and Safety

Health Services

Our team is working closely with the Wyandotte County Health Department to ensure our school follows the health protocols related to COVID-19. We are designating spaces in our school to care for students with routine health needs as well as separate space to care for students/staff who are ill.

Close Contact

Anyone is considered in close contact if they are within 6 feet of the COVID-19 positive case for 10 minutes or more or if they have exposure to excretions. We will assist in notifying individuals if they are a close contact to a known case. Close contacts must remain in quarantine until they have met criteria for release from quarantine as set by WyCo Health Department for schools.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in School

When there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in the school building, the school will notify the WyCo Health Department and will assist in contact tracing. This may lead to exclusions of students from school. This could be one student, a cohort, a classroom or the entire school. Any exclusions or closures will be made through the recommendation of WyCo Health Department who look at factors such as likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building and will determine when reopening should occur.

- We will work with WyCo Health Department to assess for close contacts among students and staff to inform those who will need to quarantine for the mandatory 14 day period.
- We will contact families and employees if exposed.
- Names of individuals who test positive will not be shared in any communication to the at-large school community.

Exclusion from School:

Students and staff will be excluded from school if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 if there is no other explanation for the symptoms. Also, if someone at the home of the student has COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms at that time, will be excluded from school for 14 days. If the

child is at school and shows symptoms, the individual will be sent home immediately. Parents will be called and the student will wait in a room away from other students and staff until the adult arrives to take the child. Phone numbers of parents and emergency contacts must be on file at school. Students and staff need to stay home and quarantine for the period as prescribed by WyCo Health Department. Current known symptoms are:

- Fever (100 or higher)
- Chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Rigors (sudden feeling of cold with shivering)
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing)
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

Students will also be excluded from school for 14 days after travel to cities, states and countries who are on the no travel list provided by KDHEKS. This list changes regularly so please check with the school before traveling out of Kansas.

Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer will be in each classroom and in various locations throughout the building for use by students and staff several times daily.

School Cleaning

In addition to the regular cleaning of the building each night, those who clean the school will use electrostatic mister and CDC approved chemicals to disinfect the building. We will treat all areas after cleaning including classrooms, preschool, offices, restrooms, stairwells and railings,

doors, light switches, water dispensers and any other high touch equipment.

General

All faculty, staff, and students inside the building must wear masks. Students and adults will be taught the proper way to wear masks over mouth and nose. By state and county order, barrier masks are required in public places. Masks are not required while eating or drinking. When social distancing can be practiced, students and staff may be allowed to remove their masks for a short time. Parents are responsible for providing a clean mask for their child each day. It is recommended that the student has an extra mask in their backpack for emergencies (sneezing, dropping, etc.). Purchasing of 10 masks per student by the parent is recommended. Masks may not have writing on them.

Any visitors/parents to the building will be limited to those who must enter. Most parents will communicate with the office through the intercom system. Any adult visitor will be screened and recorded. After screening is cleared, they will be required to wear masks and their movement in hallways and classrooms will be restricted in order that they have little or no contact with students.

All faculty and staff upon entering the building each day will be given screening questions.

All water fountain spouts will be out of use. Water bottle fillers will be available. Students will need to drink water throughout the day. Reusable water bottles should be provided by the parent.

Church/Mass: We are working with our priests at this time for best practices on attending Mass and receiving the sacraments.

Morning Arrival: The doors will open for school at 7:30 am. This is a change from last year. Both 14th Street and 15th Street doors will be open for students to enter. Students will be required to enter the building wearing a mask. They will go directly to their classroom where breakfast will be available. School will begin at 7:50 and students will be counted as tardy if they arrive after this time.

Hallways: Students should pass on the right side of the hallway, walking six feet apart. There will be physical contact between students and students or students and teachers. At all times possible, limit the use of hallways to one class to pass at one time.

Classrooms: Students will stay in their seats unless given permission by the teacher. Students will have their own set of pencils, pens, or other supplies and sharing will not be allowed. Students will stay in their classroom with their cohort except during lunch and recess. Art, music, technology, makerspace, and pe teachers will come to the students' classrooms or take the students outside for instruction. For Middle School, the teacher will move to rooms whenever possible to avoid student movement.

Lunch Room/lunch in classrooms: We are working with the health department to determine the best way to distribute and gather for lunch.

Bathrooms: Only 3 students at one time in the restroom-keeping their six feet distances. Hands must be washed before returning to class.

Outdoor spaces:

Before and After School: During arrival and dismissal students should stay six feet apart. Parents should stay in the car and allow the student to enter independently. Any parent who leaves their car will be required to wear a mask.

Recess: All equipment should will be sanitized daily. Students should wash hands before and after contact with any equipment.

Breaks: More frequent but shorter breaks to be taken indoors and outdoors, especially with how little movement students will be allowed in the building.

Dismissal

Students will have a staggered dismissal time.

- 3:30 - Preschool
- 3:35 - K, 1
- 3:37 - 2nd, 3rd
- 3:39 - 4th, 5th
- 3:41 - 6th
- 3:43 - 7th
- 3:45 - 8th

Parents are strongly discouraged from picking up their child before these designated times due to the congestion it causes and interaction with the office staff. If your child has an appointment right after school, please pick them up by 3:00 or wait until their designated dismissal time.

This document will be placed on our website and updated as needed.

Please be sure to check back to the website periodically for updates. We will also share updates through email.

