



ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY

A Boys' Catholic School with a Military Tradition

Covid-19 Safety Prevention Program (CPP)

This Reopening Plan has been updated to reflect the State of California's *COVID-19 Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework and Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year* issued on January 14, 2021.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated_Schools_Guidance.pdf

St. Catherine's Academy (SCA), an all-boys' Catholic school with a Military Tradition, is pleased to announce open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year for boys entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Since 1889, St. Catherine's Academy has been committed to educating students with a strong spiritual foundation rooted in the Dominican Charism. In addition, SCA prides itself for its unique Military Tradition and robust academic curriculum to develop future leaders of tomorrow.

SCA is following the CDC Guidelines and is practicing strict health and safety protocol to ensure the protection and care of its students and staff. The following measures will take place to reduce the risk of exposure of COVID-19:

- Students will receive temperature checks each morning with a no-contact digital thermometer before entering campus.
- SCA's campus including: offices, classrooms, restrooms, dining rooms and dormitories have been thoroughly cleaned and will continue to be sanitized by our maintenance staff on a daily basis.
- Touchless hand sanitizers will be provided for classrooms, offices, dining room, chapel, music rooms, infirmary and dormitories.
- Eight (8) portable sinks have been placed in various locations of SCA's campus to ensure continuous handwashing. These will be in addition to all of the sinks in the restrooms located on campus. We are spreading out the sinks availability in order to provide better distancing.
- There will be two (2) separate dining rooms provided and two (2) separate lunch times.
- There will be two (2) recess periods. Sanitization of equipment will take place between the groups of students who will be utilizing the playground.
- Face Coverings: students in all grade levels K-12 are required to wear face coverings at all times, while at school, unless exempted. Students will receive five (5) color-coded and numbered masks. This will allow for a clean mask to be worn daily. Staff will also be required to wear masks.
- The white top in the playground area has been marked to reflect 6ft distancing. Students will have enough space between themselves during Military and PE time.
- Classrooms will have desks with no more than 15-17 students in the class with proper spacing.
- Distance teacher and other staff desks 6 feet away from student and other staff desks
- Distance student chairs at least 6 feet away from one another, except where 6 feet of distance is not possible after a good-faith effort has been made
- If 6 feet of distance is not possible, optimize ventilation, use desk partitions, or arrange desks to minimize face-to-face contact
- Desks will be sanitized multiple times a day and students will be given the opportunity to wash their hands before returning to class from recess, lunch, and PE.
- A Live Streaming platform will be an option for families who are interested. The schedule will be 7:45am-3:30pm and students will be able to connect from their homes directly with their teacher throughout the entire day.
- Restrooms: SCA's maintenance staff will sanitize restrooms each morning, after both morning recesses, and after the two (2) lunch times. Restrooms will be cleaned thoroughly up to five (5) times a day.
- All staff and students are encouraged strongly to stay home if they do not feel well.



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- SCA has installed windows for any classrooms that did not have them previously. This will provide more air circulation in the classrooms.
- SCA will provide portable air purifiers for each classroom.
- SCA has purchased a large tent to provide outdoor learning space for students.

A fulltime registered nurse will be available on premises at all times.

In the event of a positive case, SCA will:

1. adhere to required reporting requirements and notify, as describe below, the LHD of any newly reported case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member if the LHD has not yet contacted them about the case
2. If the case is present at school at the time the school is notified, the case must go home and be excluded from school for at least 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic, 10 days from the date the specimen was collected for the positive test.
3. Assist LHD in identifying close contacts of the case. Send a notice, developed in collaboration with the LHD, to parents and staff to inform them that a case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member has been reported and that the school will work with the LHD to notify exposed people.
4. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of the classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time. This does not need to be done until students and staff in the area have left for the day.
5. Implement online/distance learning for student cases if they are well enough to participate.

Cluster or Outbreak at School

When either a school or LHD is aware that an outbreak may be underway, the LHD should investigate, in collaboration with the school, to determine whether these cases had a common exposure at school (e.g., a common class or staff member, bus ride, or other common exposures outside of school). CDPH defines a school outbreak as 3 or more confirmed or probable cases of staff or students occurring within a 14-day period who are epidemiologically linked in the school, are from different households and are not contacts of each other in any other investigation cases (e.g., transmission likely occurred in the school setting).

During the investigation, the school will:

1. Notify parents/guardians and school staff of a cluster/outbreak investigation related to the school and encourage them to follow public health recommendations.
2. Identify, as part of the CSP, one or more school staff member who can liaise with the LHD regarding the cluster/outbreak investigation by confirming which classes and stable groups included confirmed cases or symptomatic students and staff members, and if recent events or gatherings involved any cases or symptomatic persons.
3. Identify absenteeism among those in affected classes or stable groups and coordinate with the LHD to contact these absentees to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 if they were exposed to a case during the cases infectious period.
4. Coordinate with the LHD to share a line list of cases and contacts with dates present at or absent from school.
5. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of classrooms or other areas where cases or symptomatic students or staff members spend significant time.
6. Coordinate with the LHD on notifications to the school community, including specific notifications of stable groups or classrooms regarding their exclusion status and instructions.
7. Coordinate with the LHD on whether and when the school should be closed and reopened.



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8. Notify the school community if the school is to be closed for 14 days due to widespread and/or ongoing transmission of SARS-CoV2 at the school or in the general community, and repeat recommendations for prevention and control measures (see sample notification #3 in Appendix 2).
9. Implement online/distance teaching and learning during school closure.
10. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of entire school before reopening in the case of closure.

School Closure Determinations

Individual school closure, in which all students and staff are not on campus, is recommended based on the number of cases and stable groups impacted, which suggest that active in-school transmission is occurring. Closure should be done in consultation with the LHO. Situations that may indicate the need for school closure:

- Within a 14-day period, an outbreak has occurred in 25% or more stable groups in the school.
- Within a 14-day period, at least three outbreaks have occurred in the school AND more than 5% of the school population is infected.
- The LHO may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

Length of closure: 14 days, or according to a decision made in consultation with the LHO.

Testing

When a student or staff exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, the student or staff member will be sent home and testing will be recommended. School employees and students who need testing should either go to their health care provider or a state-operated or other community testing site. Testing information and test centers in Orange County may be found here: <https://occovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>. The Department of Managed Health Care has filed an [emergency regulation](#) to require health plans to pay for COVID-19 testing for all essential workers, including school staff. In addition, tests are available at [community testing sites](#) throughout the state.

Travel Requirements

The State of California has updated its travel policy with the following provisions:

- Non-essential travel (for recreational purposes) should be limited to 120 miles from the person's home.
- Californians who travel outside the state or the country must quarantine for 10 days upon their return to California.
- Visitors to California from other states and countries must also quarantine for 10 days upon their entry into California.

With this in mind, please limit recreational travel to no more than 120 miles from your home. If you must travel outside of California or outside of the United States, you will need to quarantine for 10 days upon your return to California.

**Please note, details are subject to change contingent upon CDC regulations.*