



Return To School Plan

2021-2022

As SJCA plans for in-person, daily instruction this school year, we are wholly committed to the health and safety of our school community. To that end, SJCA is continuing to implement proactive, reasonable, and effective protocols at both campuses. These protocols comply with current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for the return to school this fall. To learn about the CDC guidelines for returning to school, please visit [this link](#). SJCA is acting in accordance with the recommendations of the CDC, the Kenosha County Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Relying on these sources, SJCA's leadership team has updated protocols in the five specific areas considered to be best practices for managing the spread of the coronavirus in schools. These five areas include:

Health Screenings • Physical/Social Distancing • Face Coverings

• Handwashing and Personal Hygiene • Cleaning

In addition, we encourage families to follow the guidance of their physicians regarding vaccinations.

While safety is paramount, we will continue to balance these best practices with our fundamental mission of providing an exceptional Catholic educational experience from preschool through high school, focused on developing the whole child--mind, body, and spirit.

Our Leadership Team and Covid Response Team will continue to monitor federal, state, local, and Archdiocesan health recommendations. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. Please check the school website at www.sjcaw.org as well for updated information.

If your student is experiencing symptoms, has tested positive for Covid, or is a potential close contact of a positive Covid case, please contact the SJCA COVID Response Team at (262) 945-5275.

HEALTH SCREENING

SJCA expects all families to screen their student's health daily.

If your student answers YES to ANY of the questions in the [symptom checker](#), he/she needs to stay home from school and not participate in extracurricular activities until cleared by the SJCA COVID Response Team [phone (262) 945-5275].

- Despite all best efforts, students will become sick during the school day. We have designated space at both campuses to isolate students who become ill during the school day until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian
- Any student with a fever or any other COVID-like symptoms at any time during the school day will be directed to the supervised, designated isolation area at each campus. A parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up that student immediately.
- **All families are expected to have at least two emergency contacts on file with the school who will be able to pick up the sick child in a timely fashion.**
- SJCA encourages families to follow the guidance of their physicians regarding vaccinations.

Please note: SJCA reserves the right to evaluate student health, including taking student temperatures, at any time during the school day.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

SJCA will only offer in-person learning for 2021-22. There will be no synchronous or asynchronous virtual learning option. Students who have extended absences due to Covid illness or quarantine will follow the same makeup work policies for any extended absence due to health or medical reasons.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- SJCA will do its best to create environments and protocols that provide requisite physically distanced space when possible and appropriate. SJCA cannot guarantee that students will always be physically distanced. Classrooms will be arranged to provide space to spread out as much as possible.
- Events that involve large groups or large indoor gatherings will be postponed at least from the first quarter. This includes but is not limited to dances, field trips, and retreats. SJCA will reassess the safety of large group gatherings as the year progresses.
- Hot lunch will be provided by Taher this year at both campuses.

Upper Campus Distancing

- Seating charts will be utilized in all classes to assist with contact tracing in case of an infection.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate in the hallways, cafeteria, or lobby either before or after school.
- All students are expected to go directly home after school. Student athletes who are staying after school for practice or games are to follow the SJCA mask protocols while indoors.
- Middle school and high school students will have separate lunch periods. Options for outdoor seating will be scheduled by grade level on a rotating basis, weather permitting.

Lower Campus Distancing

Our plan is to continue with the protocols and procedures that were successful last school year at the Lower Campus.

- Classrooms will be arranged to maximize student space yet still provide comfortable, age-appropriate learning environments.
- Each classroom will be considered a cohort and will remain together for the entire school day. This includes all recesses, lunch, and specials.
- All student supplies that are purchased by individual families will be kept apart and each student will use his or her own supplies.
- Preschool will have specials this year, and when moving through the building to those classrooms preschool students will wear a mask. There will be special attention to disinfecting rooms, materials, and resources between classes.
- Several locations have been identified at SJCA Lower Campus for students to eat their lunches and reduce the total number of occupants in that given space. Students will eat in their classroom.

- Students K - 5 will be moving classrooms throughout the school day and attending all special classes: Art, Meditation, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish. There will be special attention to disinfecting rooms, materials, and resources between classes.
- Physical Education classes will be held outside as often as possible.

MASS

- Mass is an integral part of the SJCA experience and fundamental to our mission.
- All SJCA students (in grades where appropriate) will attend Mass and receive the Eucharist regularly.
- At the Upper Campus, Masses may be scheduled for smaller groups (e.g., grade levels) in the Chapel. Outdoor Mass at the Grotto is an option for whole school Masses.

VISITORS

- All visitors must always wear an appropriate and approved face covering and report directly to the Main Office.
- Some visitors may be required to remain in the main office or other designated area for the duration of the visit.

FACE COVERINGS

- Masks will be required for all SJCA personnel and students when inside school buildings, with the exception of while eating, drinking, or actively participating in Physical Education.
- Students' masks must be school-appropriate. No foul language, inappropriate images, controversial patterns or sayings on masks will be permitted. If a student's mask is deemed inappropriate, a disposable mask will be provided to the student.
- Students who come to school without a mask will be given a disposable mask to wear that day.
- Preschool students are not expected to wear masks in their classroom; however, preschool students will be required to wear a mask while indoors walking from one classroom to another classroom or for specials.

HYGIENE / HANDWASHING

- Hygiene will be stressed throughout the day, especially handwashing.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be strategically placed in common areas at each campus.
- Hand sanitizer will also be available in each classroom.
- Students will be reminded of proper coughing and sneezing protocols.

CLEANING

- SJCA will continue routine cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting protocols.
- Specific items that will be used by multiple students (like microscopes or preschool materials) will have specific protocols to ensure they are as clean as possible. These will be cleaned after each use and individuals must perform hand hygiene between use.
- Electronics, including, but not limited to, shared iPad devices, touchscreens, keyboards, remote controls, lunchroom keypads, door entry systems, etc., should be cleaned before and after use.
- Students, staff and teachers will also be expected to help keep our school building clean.
- Teachers will have cleaning supplies in their classrooms to be used during the day.
- When appropriate, students may be expected to wipe down desks and other surfaces.

ATHLETICS / EXTRACURRICULARS

Lower Campus

- Before and after school care will be available for SJCA elementary students onsite through Kids Castle.
- There will be no after school programs for the first semester. This includes Chess Club, Coding Club, and Homework Club.
- To start the year, no Band will take place at SJCA Elementary.
- Any events that involve large groups or gatherings will not take place until health recommendations determine these gatherings to be safe.

Upper Campus

Athletics

- All high school athletes and SJCA fans will be expected to follow best practices for each sport and to comply with all protocols outlined by SJCA, our coaches, and any athletic venues where competition will take place.
- Fall sports:
 - Outdoor sports (Tennis, Soccer, Football, Cross Country): No restrictions.
 - Indoor sports (Volleyball):
 - No masks will be required for students while actively practicing or competing.
 - Masks are required during competitions for players on the bench (same as protocols as used by NBA)
 - Spectators for volleyball competitions will be limited to 4 per player, and spectators will be required to wear a mask.
- Winter and Spring sports:
 - Protocols will be determined in advance of the season.

Extracurriculars

- Theatrical productions:
 - Feasibility and protocols will be determined as community health conditions permit.

COVID-19: Isolation release times



Bureau of Communicable Diseases
Department of Health Services

I have been
diagnosed with
COVID-19

Isolation
release



Be well* for

24 hours

AND

At least 10 days
since symptoms
began

REMEMBER: To the extent possible,
separate yourself from and do not have
contact with other people in your household.

*free of fever and improvement in other symptoms

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COVID-19: Quarantine release times



Department of Health Services

I have had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19

Quarantine release



14 days* after your last contact with the diagnosed person

***A 14-day quarantine remains the safest option if you are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19.** Quarantine may be shortened to 10 days, provided people still monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days. Quarantine may be shortened further to 7 days if a person receives a negative test result (PCR or antigen) that was collected on day 6 or 7.

If you get sick, please follow the guidance in the [“Next Steps: while you wait for your COVID-19 test results.”](#)



If you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, meaning it has been at least two weeks since you received your last dose in the vaccine series, and were in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you do not have to quarantine. However, you should:

- Get tested 3-5 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms.
- Wear a mask in public indoor spaces for 14 days after exposure or until you receive a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after your last close contact
- Isolate at home if you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

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COVID-19: Quarantine release times



Department of Health Services

I live with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19

Are you able to have complete* separation from the sick person in your home?

No

Released from quarantine:
14 days after the sick person is released from their isolation**

Yes

Released from quarantine:
14 days after your last contact with the sick person**

*Complete separation means no contact, no time together in the same room, no sharing of any spaces, such as using the same bathroom.



If you get sick, ask your doctor to be tested and please follow the guidance in "[Next Steps: while you wait for your COVID-19 test results?](#)"



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