



Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Davenport

**COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention Plan
2021-2022
Regina Catholic Education Center**

Goal Statement

As we approach the start of the 2021-22 school year, the Catholic schools of the Davenport Diocese have established protocols for:

- mitigating the spread of COVID-19 utilizing layered strategies
- prioritizing the continuity of in-person, academic, and social-emotional learning for all students five days a week
- minimizing social disruption for students, families, and staff

Flexibility within recommended protocols may be needed in order to achieve these goals. Each school has been, and will continue to work with state, county and community public health officials to address any increased transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our classrooms, schools, programs, facilities or means of transportation.

<p>FACE COVERINGS</p>	<p>Iowa law prevents schools from requiring face coverings for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), however, recommends universal indoor masking in K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Regina encourages mask wearing; it is one of the layered prevention strategies to keep our students healthy. Parents should discuss with their child(ren) their family’s decision and the importance of respecting the face covering decisions of others.</p> <p>In compliance with the President’s Executive Order on domestic transportation, students riding the bus are required to wear a face-covering while on the bus or utilizing other Regina-provided transportation. This includes transportation between home and school, as well as transportation for co- and extracurricular activities, field trips, and other school-sponsored events.</p>	<p><u>HF847</u> <u>CDC- FC</u> <u>CDC-EO</u></p>
<p>PHYSICAL DISTANCING</p>	<p>The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students when possible.</p> <p>Although Regina will work to maintain 3 feet of distance within the school setting to the greatest extent possible, we cannot guarantee consistent social distancing of 3 feet. Facial coverings, worn properly, are especially important when physical distancing cannot be maintained.</p>	<p><u>CDC- PD</u></p>
<p>HAND WASHING</p>	<p>The CDC states handwashing is a proven prevention strategy and is one of many important layers of protection for students.</p> <p>Regina will utilize reminders and scheduling to promote consistent hand washing throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school building.</p>	<p><u>CDC- HW</u></p>
<p>CLEANING AND DISINFECTION</p>	<p>The CDC states proper cleaning and disinfection are important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.</p> <p>Regina will continue cleaning and disinfection efforts throughout the school day including increased cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces, and eating areas.</p>	<p><u>CDC- C&D</u></p>
<p>VENTILATION</p>	<p>The CDC recommends multiple strategies for increasing ventilation to maintain a healthy environment at school.</p> <p>Regina has added electronic air purifiers to each individual classroom as well as air purifiers to the main systems of the entire school.</p>	<p><u>CDC- V</u></p>

WATER FOUNTAINS	<p>Water fountains and bottle fillers will be regularly cleaned and disinfected, however, virus transmission rates may result in closing drinking fountains.</p> <p>Regina students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school, practices, activities, etc. to reduce the spread of illness.</p>	<p><u>CDC-C&D</u></p>
VACCINATIONS	<p>The CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) encourage all eligible Iowans to receive the vaccine.</p> <p>Regina does not require staff or students to be vaccinated but encourages all those eligible to give it their fullest consideration.</p>	<p><u>IDPH</u></p> <p><u>CDC - Vacc</u></p>
VOLUNTEERS & VISITORS	<p>Volunteers and visitors who have tested positive need to follow isolation requirements and may not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p> <p>During substantial or high transmission rate per the <u>COVID tracker</u>, Regina volunteers and visitors will be restricted. Volunteers and visitors of Regina who have tested positive will need to follow isolation requirements and not come on site for a minimum of 10 days.</p>	<p><u>CDC-Q&I</u></p>
COVID TRACKING & QUARANTINING	<p>IDPH advises exposed children and staff should not be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. When there is a positive case, parents should be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk.</p> <p>As Regina becomes aware of positive COVID cases within the school community, an email will be sent to the classroom(s)/group(s) affected. This notification will simply state that there has been an exposure and parents/guardians should monitor for symptoms.</p> <p>Parents who want their child(ren) to quarantine for 14 days when exposed to a positive case should contact the school office to activate our remote learning option.</p>	<p><u>IDPH</u></p> <p><u>CDC- CT</u></p>
ISOLATION	<p>Those testing positive for COVID must be excluded from school for 10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms).</p> <p>At Regina students and staff must follow the guidelines above after receiving a positive COVID diagnosis.</p>	<p><u>IDPH</u></p> <p><u>CDC-Sick at School</u></p>
STAYING HOME WHEN ILL	<p>Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.</p> <p>Regina asks all parents/guardians to remain vigilante and keep students' home when a legitimate illness exists. School staff will also be asked to stay home with any sign of infectious illness.</p>	<p><u>CDC-Q&I</u></p>
MONITORING	<p>The CDC states localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies.</p> <p>Regina will continue to work with the Johnson County Health Department and review guidance from the IDPH, CDC, Iowa Department of Education, and Diocese of Davenport Catholic Schools office.</p>	<p><u>CDC</u></p> <p><u>CDC COVID Data Tracker</u></p>
REMOTE LEARNING	<p>All Catholic schools of the Diocese of Davenport will be in-person five days per week at the start of the 2021-22 school year.</p>	

	<p>Remote Learning Options</p> <p>Virtual learning (defined as enrolled in the school but 100% of the instruction occurs outside of school) is <u>not</u> an option for students. However, there are times when a remote solution may be appropriate for a school-approved extended absence. A school-approved extended absence includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When there is a documented medical reason that necessitates a long-term absence • When a student must isolate due to COVID and will be missing more than three days of school <p>Extended absence due to a health condition must be documented and reported to school administration by a health professional and approved by the principal on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Remote learning will not be available for vacations and travel. Hybrid models with students in the building on some days and out of the building on other days will not be an option. A new proclamation of disaster emergency by the Governor of Iowa can change the options offered at Catholic schools of the Diocese of Davenport.</p> <p>Absent Students</p> <p>Normal absence protocol will be followed. If a student is out for a school approved extended absence, their teacher will provide necessary materials as needed so they can continue their coursework. Virtual learning (defined as enrolled in school but 100% of the instruction occurs outside of school) opportunities will not be an option.</p> <p>Learning Management System (K-12)</p> <p>All Catholic schools of the Diocese of Davenport will continue to use a learning management system as part of the delivery of instruction. The learning management system ensures equitable access of resources. In-person learning is the preferred delivery for instruction. The use of a learning management system is a tool that supports instruction; it is not a substitute for instruction by a highly qualified teacher.</p> <p>Regina will continue to use Google Classroom as its Learning Management System.</p>	
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These recommended mitigation protocols are based on the following information and guidance from:

- Diocese of Davenport
- CDC
- Current community transmission rates
- DHS/CDC/Local Public Health Guidance
- Local Vaccination Rates
- ¹Archdiocese of Dubuque