

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Juan Diego Catholic High School COVID Education Plan

What will happen when my student enters the building each day?

Students will only enter from the South or West entrances. The North Bell Tower, Chapel, Athletic Hallway entrances, as well as B and C halls, WILL NOT BE USED to enter at any time.

Students will be required to wear masks as they begin to line up. Social distance markers will be placed on the sidewalks at the entrances and will be enforced (Think Costco or Home Depot entrances). The faculty/staff will supervise both of these entrances each morning. Before entering the physical building, students will use their cell phone/device to answer a health screening form. When the student is told to enter the building they will approach newly built kiosk/reception desks where they verify their health screen form and have their temperature taken. Once they successfully complete these first two steps they will go immediately to their first-period class. Students will not be allowed to congregate in groups before the bell rings.

My student is dropped off at 7:00 am. Will they be allowed inside the building?

Yes. At 7:00 a.m. the West entrance will be open, using the above protocols, students who arrive before 7:30 am will stay in the Commons until 7:45 a.m. and then proceed immediately to their first-period class. The Commons will serve as a study hall for students during this time. Students arriving for 0-period functions will arrive at the West entrance only as well.

Will my student use their locker?

No. Lockers will not be assigned this year to avoid students congregating at lockers. Students should plan on using an appropriate backpack to carry only the materials they need to use that specific day.

How is social distancing in the hallways maintained?

Through a variety of adjustments to traffic flow patterns, we will minimize the potential number of students in any given hallway. For example, staircases and hallways will be designated as one-way to reduce face to face contact. Faculty and staff will be present in the hallways as well to keep students moving from one class to another.

What will happen if a student comes to school with a fever or is not feeling well?

The CDC has very strict guidelines on the appropriate response to these conditions. If a student is not feeling well (i.e. stomach ache, cold symptoms, headaches, etc.) they will be asked to step into a holding room temporarily. They will be assessed by the school nurse and in most situations, the parents will be contacted to pick up their student and return home. If the student attempts to enter the building with a high temperature their temperature will be retaken. If the student retests and is cleared, they will proceed to class. We encourage parents to take their student's temperature each day before departing home.

Are all students, faculty, and staff required to wear masks?

Yes. Students are expected to provide their mask. Masks will be available for the rare occurrences someone forgets a mask.

What procedures are in place inside the classroom to ensure COVID safety?

All faculty will be trained in the strict protocols created for a healthy classroom. Class sizes are being reduced to provide ample spaces for social distancing. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands when entering a classroom. Doors will remain open. Touch surfaces will be cleaned before every class. In addition to wearing masks, teachers will be wearing face shields when lecturing to the students. Some teachers will teach from behind a plexiglass wall (ie. foreign languages). Small group activity will be restructured so the interaction between students is safe.

How will a teacher clean their classroom after every class?

Each classroom will be equipped with a COVID sanitation kit. Teachers will be trained on how to disinfect touch surfaces after every class. Doors will remain open. Passing time between classes has been extended to allow extra time for classroom cleaning.

Does my student have to participate in Wednesday FLEX days?

Yes. FLEX days will include a variety of blended online experiences. Mentor group experiences, virtual field trips, Campus Life activities. **Wednesday should be considered a regular day of school**, although the schedule will be modified to allow for various activities and academic experiences.

I am not comfortable having my student stay home on Wednesday. Can they still come to school?

Yes. Supervised study hall spaces will be provided until 3:00 pm. Students will enter the building with the same daily health check procedures. There will be an attendance procedure if your student will be at school on Wednesdays.

How will transitions from class period to class period happen?

Through a variety of adjustments to traffic flow patterns, we will minimize the potential number of students in any given hallway. For example, staircases and hallways will be designated as one way to reduce face to face contact. Faculty and staff will be present in the hallways as well to keep students moving from one class to another.

Will you have PE classes and how will students dress/change clothes?

Yes. There is ample space in our locker rooms for students to socially distance themselves when changing. Each gym period/activity will determine the use of masks. PE experiences will be modified to allow students to interact safely.

How will reading and lunch be modified to maintain a safe environment?

Reading - Using the ample space in the auditorium and dividing the student body into half, provides a safe space for students to read. Masks will be required. Touch surfaces will be cleaned between each use.

Lunch - Similar to reading the number of students having lunch at any given time will be reduced. Lunch seating will be extended into the Great Hall as well as an outdoor structure being built. Plexiglass dividers are being built to accommodate 6 students sitting/eating at a cafeteria round. This will allow students to safely eat in comfort.

How will I be notified if a student or staff member in the school tests positive for COVID-19?

We will follow the specific directives of the Salt Lake County Health Department and the Utah Department of Health in notifying parents if someone tests positive on campus.

How will I meet with my student's counselor?

New protocols will be in place for parents entering the building for meetings with counselors, teachers, administration, etc. Many of these meetings will be held virtually via Zoom or Google Meet. Any adult coming to campus would enter the South main entrance and complete the health safety screening before entering the building. The new procedures for meeting with counselors and administrators will be sent shortly.

Will my student still have a mentor?

Yes. The mentor program will become more important than ever. How the mentor program functions will evolve as we work through the year. We will look at virtual and in-person options for students to develop relationships with their mentors and fellow mentees.

Do we have the option of switching to online learning if our household health status requires us to stay home?

Yes. All of our classes will be available through live-stream or Canvas. There may be periods of time where you feel comfortable and safe having your student present in the building attending classes. When family or social conditions change you may have your student switch to online learning.

**We will continue to add to this document
with questions being asked by our parents.**