



# HOLY NAME SCHOOL

## Reopening Plan

### 2020-2021 School Year



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# OVERVIEW

Holy Name School has been planning for the reopening of school for the 2020-2021 academic year in tandem with the Catholic School Office, all Diocesan and parish schools, and with guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Health, Education Department, Governor's Office, and information and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The safety and health of our school community will inform all our decisions regarding the mechanics of how we will return to school. It is clear from the guidance provided on June 25th by the state of Massachusetts, that there remain many areas of uncertainty. These uncertainties will require multiple models for returning to school, with the central goal of safely bringing as many students as possible back to a traditional model on the school campus.

As the ultimate decision of what will be allowed is still some weeks away, we hope that the incidence of infection and the slowing of the spread of COVID-19 continue on their current downward trend.

**#1 TRADITIONAL  
RETURN**

**#2 ADJUSTED  
TRADITIONAL  
RETURN**

# **Models for Returning to School**

**#3 HYBRID  
RETURN**

**#4 VIRTUAL  
RETURN**

# MODEL #1

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The space requirements of maintaining a minimum of 3 feet between desks, assuming the proper use of personal safety equipment such as masks and access to hand washing and sanitizers, will allow the use of all Holy Name School classrooms in a nearly "Traditional Return."

## TRADITIONAL RETURN

- State guidelines require a minimum of 3 feet between desks.
  - State guidelines require that all adults and all students grades 2-8 wear masks or face coverings.
  - State guidelines require that students will not congregate in common areas, such as cafeterias or gymnasiums; therefore, lunch will be served in the individual classrooms.
  - Protocols for entering and exiting the school in a fashion where social distancing can be maintained will be established.
  - There will be no need for taking the temperature of each student in-school, and parents will be provided with the recommendations from the State and the CDC regarding monitoring of their children's health on a daily basis, assuring that no symptomatic children will be sent to school.
- Nursing Care will be provided full-time throughout the school day in order to assure the health and safety of the entire Holy Name School community.
  - Holy Name School will engage in an enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the classrooms and common areas on a daily basis.
  - There will be hand-washing and hand sanitizer available throughout the building.
  - Protocols whereby social distancing can be maintained will be put in place to allow for safe and efficient use of restrooms by students.
  - The Nurse's Office will be established with a separate room for isolating any student or staff member who becomes ill during the school day.
  - Holy Name School will follow all the required quarantine rules if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, and the school will be closed down for the requisite time and disinfected fully during this closure.

# MODEL #2

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With the goal of returning all students to the Holy Name School facility, it is possible that a spike in the incidence of infection will warrant an "Adjusted Traditional Return."

## ADJUSTED TRADITIONAL RETURN

- Should the social distancing requirement or maximum number of students per classroom change, we are ready to add additional classroom space to our facility that would allow us to make adjustments.
- Through the creative use of our gymnasium and Parish Center facilities, we can erect temporary walls that would add 6-8 additional classroom spaces to the Holy Name School facility.
- All of the other protocols outlined above in the "Traditional" model would also apply to this type of a return.



# MODEL #3

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With additional requirements that severely limit the total number in the building, Holy Name School will institute a "Hybrid Return."

# MODEL #4

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If there is a state mandate that schools will continue in a remote format, Holy Name School will adopt a "Virtual Return."

## HYBRID RETURN

- Holy Name School will attempt to accommodate the greatest number of students in a hybrid of traditional and virtual instruction.
- In consultation with parents, staff, and the Catholic Schools Office assistance, we would institute a rotating schedule of students in the building and at home, assuring that instruction is delivered in as stable a format as possible.
- (TBD - Preschool and Kindergarten students would remain in the building at all times. Grade 1-8 would have a rotating schedule.)

## VIRTUAL RETURN

- Holy Name School will provide virtual instruction according to a schedule with the rigor and accountability that will assure the continued good progress of our students as they proceed with their curricula.
- Holy Name School will assure that all students needing assistance with acquiring the necessary computer and other access to technology have a method of obtaining the necessary equipment and service.



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# Summary

Recognizing that there is a substantial likelihood that there will be disruptions caused by the COVID-19 virus, we must remain both flexible and adaptable. Utilizing the best practices that our teachers had begun to perfect over the past several months, as well as taking advantage of emerging technology and guidance from the local, Diocesan, and State Departments of Education and Health, we will move forward during this challenging time and assure that we never lose sight of our primary role to provide education within the context of a Catholic community.

Addressing the substantial challenges facing our students, families, and staff members requires us to renew our commitment to pursuing all of these knowing that we can fall back on the strength of our faith and the guidance of the example of Christ in everything we do.