

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN YEAR 3



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduction and Philosophy

Thankfully, the present Covid-19 landscape is greatly different from what we experienced over the previous two academic terms. Although Covid-19 is still present in our community, the availability of new treatments, vaccines, and testing have all of us better equipped to confront the virus and maintain healthy environments.

With the availability of these new tools, we are poised to embrace a new strategy in dealing with Covid-19 in our schools. We are pleased to share that we are now able to operate our schools without many of the previously enacted restrictions. Below are some of the guidelines for this school year and our return to a pre-pandemic education model.

Parental Partnership – Catholic elementary schools are inherently a partnership between the parent and the school. This collaboration has been instrumental in the success of our educational system and we will continue to count on our parents to monitor the health of their children. Children who display symptoms of illness (Covid-19, flu, etc.) should stay home until they feel better and are fever-free for 24 hours without medication.

Positive Covid-19 Testing - If a student or staff member is Covid-19 positive, he/she should stay at home for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of symptoms or the positive test. Individuals may return after day 5 as long as symptoms have improved and he/she has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication. The school will provide make-up work for the student to complete during their time out of the classroom. Virtual learning will not be available.

Ventilation, Hygiene and Cleaning - Faculty and staff members will continue to maximize ventilation in the classrooms and encourage good hygiene practices including proper hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer when washing hands is not practical. OLMC School maintenance personnel will clean the building daily and provide supplemental monitoring and cleaning of high touch areas.

Right to Amend

OLMC School reserves the right to amend this list of guidelines as needed throughout the year, given guidance from the BCHD and/or the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.