



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Welcome Back Eagles

Hello OLG Parents and Students,

We are excited to welcome our Eagles back on August 20th. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have created the following plan to help us prevent and, if needed, respond to this virus. We feel every precaution and action outlined in this plan provides for necessary health measures while also maintaining as normal an atmosphere as possible for our students.

In order to utilize this plan to the greatest advantage, we will be dividing our school into two sections: Lower School (grades K-3) and Upper School (grades 4-8). This will help us to limit the interactions of students through the use of specific grade level dedicated areas in the building. The Upper and Lower School model will also allow us to delegate resources to meet the needs of the varying levels of students and monitor the results of our effort in a very specific way.

Another alteration which occurs in our plan is for the teachers to change classes versus the students moving to different rooms. This will apply to all specials as well as the Upper School. Teachers “changing” classes instead of the students helps us to decrease the students’ time in common areas like hallways and shared classrooms. We realize that students need that time to move around and take a break in between classes. To allow more flexibility to build this into class time, the Upper School will be going to a block schedule. More information will be shared about this in the coming weeks.

I would like to thank our Task Team (Ms. Braun, Mrs. Prough, Mrs. Vidourek, Ms. Waltner, Mr. Desmier, Mrs. Shewmaker, and Mrs. Lawson) in their efforts to help us return safely in the fall. We have tried to address all concerns and create a well balanced plan. We will continue meeting this summer to make sure we are up-to-date on information and modify any other policies and procedures as needed. If you have any questions or need clarification from our team, please email me at mkirk@olgcs.org .









Please review the following Eagles Prevention and Virus Response Plans. I am confident that TOGETHER, we will have a very safe and successful school year!

Grace and Blessing,

Mrs. Kirk









Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Eagles Prevention Plan

	<p>Hand sanitizer stations are available in every classroom. Portable stations will be located at all entrances and high traffic areas.</p>
	<p>Touch-free thermometers will be used to screen all faculty, staff, students, and parents entering the building.</p>
	<p>Touch-free faucets and toilets have been installed in all high traffic bathrooms. Designated bathrooms will be assigned to all grade levels with only one classroom using them at one time.</p>
	<p>Touch-free water bottle filling stations replace communal drinking fountains.</p>
	<p>Designated room for sick students waiting to be picked up. Designated exit for students going home sick from school.</p>
	<p>Disinfecting of common areas, bathrooms, and classrooms will happen throughout the day.</p>
	<p>Informational and directional floor stickers will be applied to remind students to social distance and wash and sanitize their hands. Classes will include more emphasis on the importance of good hygiene techniques.</p>
	<p>ALL faculty and staff will wear a mask while working with students. Students in grades 4-8 will be required to wear a mask inside the school building unless they are unable to do so for health reasons (documentation from a doctor is needed). Students in grades K-3 will be encouraged to wear a mask as long as it is used properly, so that wearing the face covering does not cause the student to touch their face more frequently than not wearing it. (This could change with the Hamilton County mandate for face coverings. We are waiting for clarification from officials.)</p>



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	<p>Designated entrance/exit will be used for students in specific grade levels. Kindergarten Exterior classroom doors Grades 1-3 Breezeway door between gym and church Grades 4-8 Main entrance</p>
	<p>Starting the Tuesday after Labor Day, live streaming Mass attendance will start while using a rotating multi-grade level Mass schedule. We will also use social distancing during these Masses. The pastors will determine the distribution of communion closer to our September start date.</p>
	<p>Students will eat lunch with their homeroom in their classroom or outside in designated areas when weather permits. Although the menu may change, our Cafeteria Program will provide the same breakfast/lunch services to our students. Recess will be by grade level in designated zones on the lower lot or field. (Specific cafeteria plan will come out to parents in the coming weeks)</p>
	<p>Portable carts for teachers to change classrooms to limit the number of students moving throughout the common areas of the building.</p>
	<p>Shields will be used in high traffic areas like the school/nurse office. They will also be used in classrooms to provide opportunities for the teachers to work with students. We will also have face shields for teachers who work with students who need to see the teacher's mouth to better understand what is being taught (ex. primary reading, speech services, etc.).</p>
	<p>At this time, visitors and volunteers will be limited, and most situations will require an appointment. We will need to restrict the number of people in the office to one parent at a time. Parents signing their students in late will need to wait outside the front door until there is available space. We ask that you leave yourself some extra time to accommodate this requirement.</p>
	<p>Healthy students~We realize some parents may still feel uncomfortable about their child returning to the school building in August. We understand and want to support your family's needs. Please CLICK HERE for information about this option.</p> <p>In the event of student illness/quarantine~Work will be provided to students until they are cleared to return to school.</p>



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Eagles Virus Response Plan

We will take all precautions listed in our Welcome Back Eagles Plan, and we are hopeful this will keep us all virus free. However, in the event that a student begins to show symptoms of the COVID 19 virus or has a temperature above 100°F while at school, here are our procedures to continue to keep everyone safe.

	The student will immediately be separated from other students and staff, given a face covering (if not wearing one), and placed in the designated room while parents are contacted to pick their child up from school. While waiting the student will be monitored by a staff member wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and maintaining physical distance when possible.
	Areas of the building that were known to be occupied by this student will be thoroughly sanitized.
	Hamilton County Public Health will be contacted in the case of positive or suspected COVID-19 cases. Local health professionals will help to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals and assist with appropriate notifications. We will follow all recommendations from the HCPH officials.
	Students who test positive for or are suspected to have COVID-19 must experience an improvement in symptoms and isolate for the Hamilton County Public Health/CDC recommended period of time before returning to school. We will communicate closely with officials and parents to ensure we are following the guidelines.
	No attendance penalty will be given to students for staying home when symptomatic or in quarantine or isolation. These absences need to be communicated with the school and are excused.
	More than ever, the connection between home and school is so important! OLG will stay connected through texts, emails, and phone calls. Please make sure to update your information in Option C to ensure we can reach you if needed. We encourage you to reach out to the school via email or phone call whenever you have a question or concern. Together=success

The COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools document was used in the creation of this plan. For more information, please visit:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>

All guidelines are subject to change as mandates or recommendations change from government officials.