



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPENING PLAN FRAMEWORK 2021-2022

School Location: Trinity High School
3601 Simpson Ferry Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Principal: Mr. John Cominsky

Date of Opening: August 30

Trinity will continually review this plan in light of CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines and in collaboration with the Diocese of Harrisburg (Last update: August 20, 2021).

TRINITY GUIDELINES

Acknowledgement Forms:

All parents will be required to sign an updated “acknowledgements and notices” form before the start of the 2021-22 school year, similar to the forms signed at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Weekly Data Collection:

Trinity will continue to complete the weekly survey from the Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Harrisburg on Covid-related matters until further notice in order to ensure consistent data collection efforts. **We will review the data weekly and will consider adjusted mitigation strategies, if necessary, for the following school week for each school.**

Virtual Learning - Individual Requests:

Permission must be given for children to attend our Catholic schools virtually in the 2021-22 school year. We believe it is best to have our students learn in-person in our schools, whenever possible.

Parents may make an application to the Diocese of Harrisburg (not directly to Trinity High School) for consideration for virtual education. The application includes completion of a Google Form and submission of the needed medical documentation. Only medically-documented reasons will be considered. The application, pertinent dates, and email link can be found [here](#).

Virtual Learning - Response to Exposure:

If quarantine is needed for a group of students, Trinity will strive to accommodate that group through a combination of virtual and traditional learning methods.

Temperature & Symptom Checks:

Temperature checks will not be done on a daily basis; rather, they will be reserved for screening potentially ill students.

- Parents will be asked to be vigilant in checking students for symptoms of illness and to keep students home when ill.
- As details of specific symptoms of concern are known, the school will advise parents of any symptoms that require students to remain at home.
- Faculty and staff will continue to conduct daily self-checks for symptoms.

Social Distancing:

Students are expected to be three feet apart in the classroom, to the extent feasible.

Masks:

Masks will not be required in our schools for faculty, staff, and students. Masks are optional for those who would prefer to wear them. Trinity will ensure that that option is honored and respected.

- Students will follow the masking rules of their school districts when utilizing district transportation.
- In order to respond to pertinent data or health situations in a particular school, further mitigation strategies, including masks, could be used for a designated period of time.

Vaccines:

Vaccines will not be required for anyone.

- Those vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if exposed to Covid.

Record of Vaccines:

Principals will need to know the vaccination status of the people in the buildings in order to be aware of the overall health situation in the schools and to be able to make quarantine decisions, if needed.

- Faculty and staff in our schools will inform the principal about their vaccination status at the proper time and through the proper channels.
- Parents will be encouraged to inform Trinity of the vaccination status of their students via an online form that will be shared in the coming weeks.

- In all cases, Trinity will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard the privacy and dignity of all students, faculty, and staff regarding vaccination status.

Quarantines:

We will await more information from the State of Pennsylvania to see if contact tracing and quarantines are required for those students, faculty, and staff who are exposed to a Covid-positive person. We will assume that we will operate as we did in 2020-21 unless told otherwise.

Therefore, unvaccinated faculty, staff, or students who are exposed to a Covid-positive person will need to quarantine based on timeframes established by the CDC ([see this link](#)) and adopted by Pennsylvania. Fully vaccinated faculty, staff, and students will NOT need to quarantine, and will not require contact tracing. Clearly, any student or faculty or staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine, with the length of the quarantine to be determined by the Board of Health.

Parents, visitors and volunteers:

Parents, volunteers, and other visitors will be allowed in schools.

- Those who are fully vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.
- Signage will be posted prominently in the lobby/office areas indicating that parents, visitors, and volunteers in our school who are not fully vaccinated are asked to wear masks while in the school.
- When signing in, parents, visitors, and volunteers will sign that they understand and will comply with the request to mask if they are not fully vaccinated. No one will be asked for proof of vaccination when signing in.

Cleaning:

Areas in schools for common use -- that is, used regularly by multiple groups within the school -- need to be cleaned regularly.

- Locker rooms, gyms, band and chorus areas, and any other spaces used by multiple school groups are to be cleaned in the middle of the week, ideally, but at least once a week.
- Lunchroom surfaces will be sanitized between lunch shifts.
- Classroom desks and high-traffic areas will be cleaned daily at the end of the school day.

Ventilation:

Trinity will make every effort to provide as much ventilation as possible in each classroom, as we did in 2020-21. Leaving windows and doors open in an appropriate manner is the simplest approach.

Handwashing and hygiene:

Students will be asked to wash/sanitize hands at sensible times, as always: at start and end of the school day, before and after lunch, when they have sneezed or used the restroom, and as needed. Refilling stations will be used for water bottles.

Field trips:

Reasonable field trips are allowed by the Diocese, and Trinity will make decisions regarding trips with consultation from the Secretary of Education as needed. Trinity will prepare appropriately for situations students may encounter during the field trip (such as crowded areas, etc.). Trinity will be able to offer overnight Kairos retreats, too.

Social, emotional and spiritual care for students:

Trinity will continue to monitor student learning carefully and to provide all possible resources to meet individual learning needs and to provide the best resources for social, emotional, and spiritual growth for our students. As we did last year, we will take a team approach: the school nurse, counselors, and chaplain, among others, will bring powerful resources to benefit our students. That team will need close collaboration with parents and teachers, who know the needs of their students well.

Groupings: cohorts, assemblies, Mass, small-group work

While we will not start the year with the strict cohorting system we used last year, Trinity will plan the daily interaction of student groups for the purpose of knowing how to proceed in the event of a Covid exposure.

Trinity will allow small groups to work together within the classroom, maintaining a three-foot distance to the extent feasible.

Groupings - Cafeteria:

The cafeteria may be used. To the extent feasible, students should be three feet apart in the cafeteria. Common surfaces in the cafeteria must be cleaned between lunch shifts.

Groupings - Assemblies:

Trinity will hold assemblies as needed. As assemblies will bring together more than one school group, Trinity will start with a small number of assemblies in the first quarter of the school year, until we see the overall impact.

Groupings - Mass:

School Masses will continue, as per Diocese of Harrisburg guidelines for Mass.

