



KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2020-21 SAFETY GUIDELINES & PROTOCOLS

Students, teachers and staff are all covered in this plan.

ARRIVAL

- Only the two main entrances will be open – the flagpole side and St. Patrick's statue side.
- Students should not congregate in the parking lot but enter the school as soon as they exit their car.
- Face masks must always be worn on campus (except when eating lunch). While in the classroom, students may wear a face shield in addition to, or in lieu of, a face mask. The school will provide one branded cloth face mask and one face shield to every student.

SCREENING

- Students and employees must remain at home if they are ill.
- Upon arrival, temperature checks and screening of all employees, students, and visitors will take place.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above will be sent to the school nurse and quarantined until they are able to go home.
- Students that develop a fever or other symptoms during the school day will be placed in quarantine in the nurse's office, and parents will be notified. Parents are expected to pick up their child within the hour or release the student to drive home depending on symptoms.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Students must have a face mask on before entering the school building.
- Face masks will be worn at all times in the hallways, restrooms, classrooms, and common spaces. Face masks or face shields will be required in the classroom.
- Students should wash hands or use hand sanitizer after changing any classroom.
- Knoxville Catholic will have a nurse on-site.

CLASSROOMS AND HALLWAYS

- Hand sanitizing stations will be present in all hallways.
- Lockers will not be utilized in 2020-21.
- Hallways will be divided with clearly marked directional flow. B-building stairwells will be one-way only. Students should ascend and descend single file.
- Classrooms are organized according to social distancing guidelines.
- All desks will be facing the same direction toward the front of the classroom.
- Teachers will maintain social distancing between themselves and students.
- Classroom doors will be open to limit touching and to promote air flow. When feasible, windows will also be open in classrooms to promote air flow.
- Water fountains will not be operational except for the water bottle refill station. Students are encouraged to bring a personal water bottle to school every day.

VISITORS AND PARENTS

- Parents are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances.
- Parents must wear masks, practice physical distancing, and wash or sanitize hands prior to entering the building.
- Parents will not be permitted to attend all-school Mass.
- No visitors for lunch or meal drop-offs will be permitted.

CLEANING PROTOCOLS

- Cleaning of campus will be increased, especially high traffic areas.
- High traffic areas, frequently touched surfaces, including lights, doors and bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Student desks will be cleaned each evening by Stanley Steemer. Additionally, teachers will be provided with disinfecting products to sanitize desks between users.

DINING

- Students should wash hands before and after each meal.
- Pedestal Foods will provide breakfast before school and lunch.
- Students may bring food from home. Two microwaves will be available in the cafeteria.
- No cash will be accepted. Students must use their ID number through the MySchoolBucks website. Additionally, Pedestal Foods will accept cash deposits 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school, but NOT during school.
- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and served in disposable containers with disposable utensils.
- Condiments will be in single serving packets.
- Students will have multiple areas where they may eat lunch safely including the cafeteria, the commons, the gym and when feasible, outside. Social distancing and limited seating will be maintained in all areas.
- Fountain drinks will be available, and Pedestal Foods will now offer 24 oz. cups (instead of 20 oz.) as no refills will be permitted.
- The lunch line will be single file and run from the serving area into the Commons. Stanchions will be used to keep appropriate physical distancing.
- All cafeteria staff will use barrier protection, wear appropriate personal protection equipment, and complete daily health screenings.

TESTING PROTOCOLS AND POSITIVE CASE RESPONSE

- Knoxville Catholic will follow the Diocesan Re-Entry Policies and Procedure Plan.
- Parents are expected to inform the school immediately if a student or family member tests positive for COVID-19.

ATHLETICS

- KCHS will operate under the guidance of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) and will follow their guidelines for practices, schedules, and games.

AFTER SCHOOL

- Students without after-school activities should be picked up at the end of the school day to limit the number of students remaining in the building.
- Students will be required to continue to wear masks and maintain appropriate physical distancing until they leave campus.
- Students participating in after-school activities, such as athletic practice, should immediately report to practice and follow all coaches' instructions.

These policies and procedures are fluid and subject to change as conditions change.

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