

RETURN TO LEARN

PLAN FOR A SAFE RETURN, 2020-2021

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ALL STUDENTS

If a student decides the learning choice (In-Person vs. Virtual Distance Learning) they made is not working for them, can they switch to the other choice?

Students will have until September 18 to change their learning preferences. After this date, learning choices can be changed at the start of each quarter.

What is the best way to return the medical forms?

The medical forms (dental form for 7th grade, physical form for 11th grade, immunization form for all students) are due Thursday, August 20. If you haven't already mailed them, please scan and email them to the school nurse at sdeluca@yorkcatholic.org.

What if my uniform order does not arrive in time?

Visit the FlynnO'Hara store located at 869 Eisenhower Boulevard in Harrisburg, 717-939-5600. Please contact Mr. Brad Hayek at bhayek@yorkcatholic.org if your uniform order does not arrive by the start of school.

IN-SCHOOL STUDENTS

Do the students need a specific water bottle? Can they keep the water bottle with them?

Students are permitted to carry clear water bottles during school hours. Students may use an original water bottle (Deer Park, Poland Springs, etc.) or a York Catholic reusable bottle available online through the Spirit Store. It's a clear 22 oz. sports bottle with a straw, spill-proof lid, and small handle which is helpful when carrying books, etc. Students can write their name on the bottle and add a sticker (for identification purposes) as long as it doesn't cover the YC logo on the bottle. The Spirit Store can be accessed on the home page of the York Catholic website (www.yorkcatholic.org) in the upper right menu bar. The cost is \$5. Bottles can be refilled using the bottle fillers found in the hallways. If students forget their bottles, they may purchase disposable bottles through the cafeteria.

Are there any limitations or guidelines related to the types of backpacks or lunch bags that are allowed?

Due to our social distancing protocols, we are limiting trips to lockers right now and are allowing students to carry their backpacks. Backpacks should be no larger than locker width, should not have wheels or pull handles. Lunch bags will be stored in lockers so will need to fit in the lockers. No bags can be stored on the tops of the lockers. No writing is permitted on backpacks other than the manufacturer's logo. Once COVID restrictions are lifted, we will ask students to store their backpacks in their lockers. At that time, students will be limited to pencil cases and/or small purses for personal items they may need. The appropriate size of a purse should not be larger than an 8-½" x 11" piece of paper.

Are there restrictions on the size of a student's pencil case? Are they able to carry the pencil case with them to classes?

Students may carry their pencil cases and most do. Some use the plastic box variety and others prefer the fabric style with a zipper.

Are students permitted to be dropped off at school prior to the doors opening at 7:45 AM and are they permitted to wait outside for pick-up after 3:30 PM?

No. Students will not be permitted to arrive on campus until 7:45 AM.

If a student has short-term absence due to illness, may he or she log in and participate in Virtual Distance Learning that day?

No. Students who experience a short-term absence due to illness should focus on improving their health. They may obtain missing work through Google Classroom and via a conversation with their teachers when they return to in-person schooling.

If a child contracts COVID-19 will they be allowed to transition to virtual learning while home with their symptoms/quarantine?

As in all cases with long-term absences related to illness, the school administration and staff will work with families individually to determine a plan that will meet the learning needs of the student while recovering.

If a child has only one symptom from Group B on the Return to Learn Plan - Appendix A, are they still allowed to attend school?

The example in Appendix A was submitted to assist with self-checking at home prior to coming to school each day. Upon daily arrival, every student and staff member will go through COVID screening. Any of the following criteria will be cause to send the student home:

- Temperature check of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Yes answer to the question: Do you have a new onset of a cough or shortness of breath?
- Yes answer to the question: Have you had a fever or felt feverish within the past 48 hours?
- Yes answer to the question: Have you had known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual within the past 2 weeks?

If a child is given an anti-inflammatory such as ibuprofen for injury or headache will they be allowed in school since this is a fever reducing medication?

Students who require anti-inflammatory medication for reasons not related to COVID-19 should use the appropriate medication forms and communicate directly with the school nurse.

If we decide to keep a child home for any medical reason (fever, cold symptoms) is a note required?

All absences require a note from a parent. Any COVID-related absence will require a note from a physician before the student can return to the school campus.

What is the plan if someone gets sick at school? Will others have to quarantine? Will we shut down?

The school will contact the local Department of Health and follow the recommended steps. All will be communicated to families.

If we have traveled to one of the hotspot states that requires a 14 day quarantine, do we need to stay home from school if it has been less than 2 weeks?

Yes, students must complete the 14-day quarantine upon their return to Pennsylvania before they may return to school.