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\*Please refer to Phase II Implementation for September 2020 updates.

This plan will be updated as new information is received.

### COVID-19 Reopening Plan

\*(Resources taken from CDC-COVID-19 Guidelines)

This plan is intended for our school and in order to ensure the cleanliness and safety of our building. Reopening our facilities requires our MOR family to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other daily habits to reduce our risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Reopening our schools also strongly relies on public health strategies, including social distancing, isolation, and keeping track of how someone infected might have infected other people. This plan focuses on cleaning and disinfecting our school.

With CDC Guidelines in mind, our school Leadership Team has done the following:

- **Developed a plan- Phase I**
- **Implement the plan- Phase II**
- **Maintain and revise our plan once building reopens- Phase III**

Reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by cleaning and disinfection is an important part of reopening a school. Every American has been called upon to slow the spread of the virus through social distancing and prevention hygiene, such as frequently washing your hands and wearing face coverings. Everyone also has a role in making sure our communities are as safe as possible to reopen and remain open.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be killed if you use the right products. EPA has compiled a list of disinfectant products that can be used against COVID-19, including ready-to-use sprays, concentrates, and wipes. Each product has been shown to be effective against viruses that are harder to kill than viruses like the one that causes COVID-19.



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### Phase I- Our Plan

This plan provides a general framework for cleaning and disinfection practices. Our plan also includes how to maintain a cleaning and disinfecting strategy after reopening our building. This plan will be adjusted as federal, state, or local guidance is updated and if our specific circumstances change.

The framework is based on doing the following:

1. Normal routine cleaning with soap and water of hands and surfaces.
2. Disinfection using EPA-approved disinfectants at the end of each school day to help reduce the risk of transmission via surfaces and objects touched by multiple students. School has purchased 4 Electrostatic Backpack Sprayer for the daily disinfection of rooms. Our school will be using the EPA-approved disinfectant Botanical Disinfectant Solution.
3. Our Leadership team has evaluated our school to determine what kinds of surfaces and materials make up the areas to be cleaned. Most surfaces and objects will just need normal routine cleaning. Frequently touched surfaces and objects like light switches and doorknobs will be cleaned and then disinfected to further reduce the risk of germs on surfaces and objects.

### **A Few Important Reminders about Coronaviruses and Reducing the Risk of Exposure:**

- Coronaviruses on surfaces and objects naturally die within hours to days. Warmer temperatures and exposure to sunlight will reduce the time the virus survives on surfaces and objects.
- Normal routine cleaning with soap and water removes germs and dirt from surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading COVID-19 infection.
- Disinfectants kill germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, you can further lower the risk of spreading infection. EPA-approved disinfectants are an important part of reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. If disinfectants on this list are in short supply, alternative disinfectants will be used (for example, 1/3 cup of bleach added to 1 gallon of water, or 70% alcohol solutions).
- Disinfectants will be stored in a responsible and appropriate manner according to the label. ALL disinfectants will always be kept out of the reach of students.
- Cleaning staff must always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used when cleaning and disinfecting classrooms at the end of every day. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) will be available to cleaning staff based on setting and product.

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- Practice social distancing, wear facial coverings, and follow proper prevention hygiene, such as washing your hands frequently and using alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

## Phase II- Implementation

An announcement has been released by the ADOM and the Office of Catholic Schools to start receiving those students that have opted for face-to-face instruction starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Our school has surveyed our parents to learn their instructional preference until December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Taking this information into account, we will start receiving face-to-face students in the following order:

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020-** Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020-** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020-** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

\*Parents and students that opted to continue receiving instruction remotely will be allowed to do so but will be committed to use this model until December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester).

\*Siblings of students in grades returning before their grades, will be accommodated at an earlier time.

**Our school administration is closely working with the FL Department of Health, the ADOM Office of Catholic Schools, and the FL Department of Education in order to follow set protocols to monitor and report any possible cases of COVID-19 in our building.**

1. All personnel and students will be required to practice social distancing, wear facial coverings, and follow proper prevention hygiene, such as washing their hands frequently and using alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Hand sanitizer will be available to staff and students in every classroom and its use will be controlled by the teacher.

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2. The following steps will be followed at the end of every school day:

- Cleaning staff will clean the surface or object with soap and water or cleaner.
- Then, cleaning staff will disinfect using Electrostatic Sprayer and disinfecting solution.
- Consideration will be made to move or remove some items completely to reduce frequent handling or contact from multiple people. Soft and porous materials, such as area rugs and seating, will be removed or stored to reduce the challenges with cleaning and disinfecting them.
- **Social Distancing-** All students and teachers will practice social distancing. All students wear masks. All teachers wear masks.
- **Arrival**
  1. Timing- Start receiving students at 7:00 AM
  2. Spacing of cars
  3. Temperature will be taken at the carline and Health Questionnaire submission verified by staff.
  4. Parents not allowed in building- Parents will not be allowed in the building. Any visits to the office will need to be scheduled beforehand by contacting our secretary at 305-829-3988. All office visitors must wear a mask and will not be allowed in the building.
  5. All students will be admitted into the building through only one entry point (Front Gate). A station will be set up where temperature will be taken, and basic instruction will be given for access to specific classroom. Student Health Questionnaire must be submitted by parent via the Parent Portal before bringing student to school. Classrooms/locations might change in order to provide proper spacing of students.
- **Hallways**
  1. Arrows on hallways showing traffic flow
  2. No gatherings are allowed
  3. Amount of time- Schedule has been created for groups to move from classroom to dismissal in staggered fashion
- **Gathering spaces**
  - Cafeteria- Might be used to host student cohorts

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- Gym- N/A
- Playground- Will be used for small groups practicing distancing
- Restrooms- Will be disinfected 4 times a day. Logs will be kept
- **Preventative Hygiene. Cleaning and disinfecting-**
- Hand washing- A schedule for mandatory hand washing has been established.
- **Temperature taking-** Every student temperature will be taken at the carline before they enter the building every morning by using a no-contact thermometer. If temperature above 100.4 degrees, student will be sent home. Teachers will have thermometers in the classrooms in case a student becomes ill during the school day. Temperatures will be taken again after lunch.
- **Restrooms-** Schedule has been created for restroom use during the school day. Restrooms will be disinfected every two hours during the school day and deep disinfection will take place at the end of every day.
- **Parish groups-** No Parish groups will be meeting in our school building until further notice.
- **Alternative scheduling-** Alternative schedules have been designed to allow teachers to live-stream instruction using a blended model.
- **Remote Learning continues-** Parents will be given the option of keeping child learning from home.
- **Social-emotional Program for all grades-** Counseling will be provided to all grade levels. SEL Program- Cloud9World has been purchased and will be incorporated into our daily lesson.
- **Cafeteria**
- Students can bring lunch from home
- Cafeteria may only serve boxed or bag lunches-Lunches will be delivered to classrooms to those students participating in our lunch program
- Students must bring their own water bottle. Bottles will be refilled by teachers as needed
- Cleaning and disinfecting between lunches will take place every day
- Students and teachers must eat in classroom using proper distancing and staying at their assigned seats

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- **Dismissal-** Dismissals will be staggered using the Concierge Pad. Students will wait in their classrooms until an alert is sent to their teacher's Smart Board announcing their pickup. Student will follow dismissal route and proceed to the pickup area.
- **Timing-** Dismissals will be staggered. We will dismiss PK-K at 2:00 PM and 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.
- **Distance of cars-** Cars should keep proper distance from each other
- **Parents not allowed in the building**

### **Criteria to Determine What Needs to Be Cleaned- (For Leadership Team Use ONLY).**

Some surfaces only need to be cleaned with soap and water. For example, surfaces and objects that are not frequently touched should be cleaned and do not require additional disinfection. Additionally, disinfectants should typically not be applied on items used by children, especially any items that children might put in their mouths. Cleaning toys and other items used by children with soap and water is usually sufficient. Our school will follow CDC Guidelines for Child Care Programs.

#### **Determine if area is outdoor-**

Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Spraying disinfectant on sidewalks and in parks is not an efficient use of disinfectant supplies and has not been proven to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to the public. We will maintain existing cleaning and hygiene practices for outdoor areas.

The targeted use of disinfectants can be done effectively, efficiently and safely on outdoor hard surfaces and objects frequently touched by multiple people. Special attention will be paid to playground.

#### **Has the area been unoccupied for the last 7 days?**

If the school has been unoccupied for the last 7 days, it will only need your normal routine cleaning to reopen the area. This is because the virus that causes COVID-19 has not been shown to survive on surfaces longer than this time.



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Considerations will be taken when reopening our building to ensure the safety of our building water system. It is not necessary to clean ventilation systems, other than routine maintenance, as part of reducing risk of corona viruses.

### **Determine what needs to be disinfected**

Following our normal routine cleaning, our cleaning staff will disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects using an EPA-approved disinfectant.

Examples of frequently touched surfaces and objects that will need routine disinfection following reopening are:

- tables,
- doorknobs,
- light switches,
- countertops,
- handles,
- desks,
- phones,
- keyboards,
- toilets,
- faucets and sinks,
- touch screens, and

Soft and porous materials that are not frequently touched should only be cleaned or laundered, following the directions on the item's label, using the warmest appropriate water setting.

### **Consider the resources and equipment needed**

Our personnel will be required to always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used for routine cleaning and disinfecting. Our school will follow the directions on the disinfectant label for additional PPE needs. Our school will follow CDC Guidelines for equipment and PPE.

### **Phase III- Maintain and Revise**

MOR Catholic School will take steps to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 during daily activities. Our school will follow CDC Tips to reduce our exposure and risk of acquiring COVID-19. We will continue to update our plan based on updated guidance and our current circumstances.



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### **Continue routine cleaning and disinfecting**

1. Routine cleaning and disinfecting are an important part of reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Normal routine cleaning with soap and water alone can reduce risk of exposure and is a necessary step before you disinfect dirty surfaces.
2. Surfaces frequently touched by multiple people, such as door handles, desks, phones, light switches, and faucets, should be cleaned and disinfected at least daily. More frequent cleaning and disinfection may be required based on level of use.
3. We will consider choosing a different disinfectant if our first choice is in short supply. We will make sure there is enough supply of gloves and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) based on the label, the amount of product you will need to apply, and the size of the surface you are treating.

### **Maintain Safe Behavioral Practices-**

We have all had to make significant behavioral changes to reduce the spread of COVID-19. To reopen America, we will need to continue these practices:

- social distancing (specifically, staying 6 feet away from others when you must go into a shared space). Considerations will be made to keep students properly distanced within their classroom unless they have outside activities. Cafeteria/ Lunch schedules will be revised in order to provide proper distancing and avoid concentrations of large numbers of students.
- frequently washing hands or use alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- wearing cloth face coverings
- avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- staying home when sick
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

MOR Catholic School will continue to follow federal, state, and local guidance for reopening America. Plan will be changed or adjusted accordingly.

### **Practices that reduce the potential for exposure-**

It is also essential to change the ways we use public spaces to work, live, and play. We should continue thinking about our safety and the safety of others.



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- To reduce your exposure to or the risk of spreading COVID-19 after reopening our school, we must educate all and have them consider whether they need to touch certain surfaces or materials.
- We will teach our students to wipe public surfaces before and after they touch them. These types of behavioral adjustments can help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- We will make long-term changes to practices and procedures. These could include reducing the use of porous materials used for seating, leaving some doors open to reduce touching by multiple people, opening windows to improve ventilation, or removing objects in our common areas.

**Conclusion-** Reopening our school requires all of us to move forward together using recommended best practices and maintaining safe daily habits in order to reduce our risk of exposure to COVID-19.

### Other Resources-

- **Schools and childcare programs**
  - [K-12 and Childcare Interim Guidance](#)
  - [Cleaning and Disinfecting your Facility](#)
  - [FAQ for Administrators](#)
  - [Parent and Teacher Checklist](#)
- **Community- and faith-based organizations**
  - [Interim Guidance for Organizations](#)
  - [Cleaning and Disinfecting your Facility](#)
  - [Interim Guidance for Retirement Communities](#)
  - [FAQ for Administrators](#)
- **If you are sick**
  - [Steps to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID19 if You are Sick](#)



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# COVID-19

## Instructional

# Continuity Plan

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### Overview of the Instructional Continuity Plan:

#### Purpose:

The following framework has been designed for **Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School** considering COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure continued instructional delivery, expectations and roles of administrators, teachers, students, and parents.

With the support of the ADOM Office of Catholic Schools, our school will be able to meet the needs of all our students through on campus, blended, and/or virtual learning.

This plan describes procedures such as daily attendance, methods of content delivery, monitoring student learning progress, meeting the needs of students with disabilities, return to school guidelines and resources, and information regarding professional development opportunities for school personnel. Our school's ICP (Instructional Continuity Plan) and RTS plan includes these important aspects of instructional continuity and student learning.

The Archdiocese of Miami Office of Catholic Schools recognizes that each school has a unique population of students and staff, resources, and needs. Our school's plan provides authentic opportunities for student engagement, motivation, and learning. Emphasis on student interaction, creativity, instructional delivery, progress monitoring, and assessment may differ based on each school's experiences.

***\*This document will be updated as needed.***

*Source Documents: Diocese of St. Augustine-Diocesan Instructional Continuity Plan; Diocese of Orlando-Re-Opening of Catholic Schools; Miami-Dade County Public Schools-Instructional Continuity Plan; Monroe County Schools-Instructional Continuity Plan; CDC; FCC; NCEA*

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## Webpage and Portal Access-

- 1) School webpage- [www.moorsch.org](http://www.moorsch.org).
- 2) **PlusPortal- PK3-8.** Check resources, grades, access links, and stay connected via email and school calendar.
- 3) **School Directory via school webpage-** Email teachers. Receive emails with specific grade level instructions.
- 4) **iReady- Grades K-8.** Reading and Mathematics adaptive online instruction. Monitored assigned lessons based on students' needs.
- 5) **iReady at Home Grades K-8.** Designed to help parents become familiar with iReady resources. Provides extra support and resources to enhance remote learning.
- 6) **Simple Solutions-** Grades PK3- 8- Provides extra support to enhance remote learning.
- 7) **Think Central- Grades K-8.** Access eBooks (electronic versions of our textbooks).
- 8) **Ed/ HMH- Grades K-8.** Access eBooks (electronic versions of our textbooks).
- 9) **IXL-** Grades PK3 through 5<sup>th</sup>. Reading and Mathematics.
- 10) **Scholastic Classroom Magazines-** Offer support in the areas of Social Studies and Science.
- 11) **Microsoft Teams- PK3- 8.** Virtual meeting tool.
- 12) **Cloud9World-** Social- emotional Learning Program (Grades PK3 - 8<sup>th</sup>).

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## Academics/Classrooms:

Mother of Our redeemer Catholic School has prepared to keep students in small groups together during the day to reduce number of individuals in close contact with each other.

- Our classes will include the same group each day, and the same teachers and/or childcare providers will remain with the same group each day. MOR Catholic School will limit mixing of students as much as possible.
- MOR Catholic School will implement block scheduling. At the middle school level- where subjects are departmentalized- teachers will switch classrooms, not students.
- Movement in hallways will be limited and in one direction.
- Backpacks are encouraged.
- Furniture and equipment that is not essential to the classroom has been removed to allow increased distance between students. We have eliminated clutter such as teacher desks, filing cabinets, and other unnecessary materials.
- Sharing of textbooks, supplies, and toys, is not allowed.
- Face masks are required.
- Student desks will be facing in the same direction.
- In classrooms where tables are the only option, then plexiglass, dividers, and masks will be used as barriers.
- Assigned seating will be enforced.
- During the 2020-2021, perfect attendance awards will not be given.

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## **Content Delivery**

### **On-campus Learning**

On-campus: **Available for families who are ready to return to the school building.**

Students will attend regular on-campus instruction in the school building. Schools will be prepared to implement recommended health and safety protocols as well as implement ongoing monitoring recommended by the CDC.

- Block Schedule will be implemented.
- Students stay in one classroom divided into pods by level.
- Lessons will be livestreamed to other groups of same grade level.
- Teacher rotates in order to provide direct instruction to groups.
- Sessions will be livestreamed in order to accommodate students working from home.
- Sessions may be pre-recorded and posted to **PlusPortal**.

### **Blended/ Live-Stream Learning**

Blended/Live-Stream: **Available for students with health concerns and/or are mandated to self-isolate/quarantine.**

Students not on campus will attend the regular schedule by accessing the classroom through live streaming allowing them to engage with the teacher.

Daily Schedule- Will be posted to school webpage and **PlusPortal** by August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Virtual Learning**

Virtual/Distance: **Available for all families in the event of a mandated schoolwide closure.**

Students will follow the school's established protocols and plan for distance learning until further notice by the Archdiocese of Miami Office of Catholic Schools, state, and local authorities.



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### Daily Schedule- Synchronous

8:00 AM- 10:00 AM- Virtual student-teacher connection via **Microsoft Teams**.

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM- Complete online/assigned work

12:30 PM- 1:30 PM- Lunch/ Restroom/ Break

1:30 PM- 3:00 PM- Virtual student-teacher connection via **Microsoft Teams**.

**Tuition for on-campus instruction, live-stream instruction, distance learning, and/or a combination of any educational format offered is the same.**

### Technology

Teachers will consistently use the school's learning management system (LMS)- **PlusPortal**- to post assignments, classwork, and any instructional resources used in the classroom. Teachers will continue using online resources and collaboration tools for both in-school and at-home students.

MOR Catholic School Remote Learning Plan rules will apply if Virtual/ Distance Instruction is in place. (See COVID-19 Remote Learning Plan).

All students will be provided with login/passwords to all required online platforms before or during the first week of school. Technology help sessions will be provided to students.

Sharing electronic devices is not allowed.

Our school has checked our network infrastructure to ensure all wireless access points are working in every classroom and throughout the school.

- Bandwidth with the internet service provider has been increased to allow multiple livestreams.

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- MOR has acquired video and audio equipment to capture live instruction and will send the link to students at home who are participating using the blended learning model.
- MOR will utilize video conferencing software to livestream classes to students at home (blended learning).

## **Special Education**

Due to COVID-19, many students with special learning needs had a difficult time adapting to online learning. It is recommended to use technology to improve instruction of students with special learning needs on a regular basis. If schools return to virtual learning, our school will utilize online platforms, programs, and apps to ensure students continue to receive accommodations. Students and parents/guardians will be given resources to support online learning.

## **Communication**

Regular communication between students, parents, and school staff is vital to ensure academic and social-emotional success in the school environment. When students and schools transition to online learning, communication is expected to increase. School email, social media, websites, and school Learning Management Systems should be used for communication.

All Safe Environment protocols will be followed when communicating with students by email, phone, video conference or any other virtual format.

Staff will only use school approved communication platforms, apps, and/or programs.

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## **Email Communication:**

- Staff will use their school email for all communication with students and parents/guardians.
- Staff will use the school approved LMS-**PlusPortal**- to send group or individual email to students and parents/guardians.
- Staff may use their school generated email or FACTS email to communicate with students.
- When emailing a student regarding any academic, discipline, or other sensitive issue, the parent will be copied.

## **Phone Communication:**

- When making a phone call to the student, the parent or guardian must be included on the call.

## **Video Conferencing/Lessons for Instruction:**

- The use of an approved video conferencing tool is required (Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, etc.) Facetime and WhatsApp are not permitted.
- Lessons may be recorded ahead of time by the teacher and posted on the school **PlusPortal** for the student to view.
- Live video classes are permitted and should be made available to all students.
- Recording of live video is permitted only after all mandatory documents have been received. These recordings may be posted on the school's **PlusPortal** for students to view at a later time.

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- For any student who has not submitted a signed Photo Release form for the school year, the principal must request the parent to provide authorization to allow recording in this limited use only.

## Roles in Supporting Distance Learning

### **Student Expectations:**

- Dedicate appropriate time to learning daily.
- Attend all live classes and/or sessions.
- Follow your school's dress code when attending live sessions.
- Ensure you know usernames and passwords for instructional resources.
- Submit all assignments by due dates established by your teachers.
- Absences are recorded by the school. If you are unable to attend, parents must notify the school to report your absence. If absent, it is the student's responsibility to watch the recorded classroom instruction. Please refer to the school's policy regarding excused and unexcused absences.
- Do your own work.
- Communicate with your teacher if you have questions or concerns. Ask for help if you need it.
- Be considerate of others when participating in online discussions.
- Follow your school's **ipads Acceptable Use Policy** and be exceptional digital citizens.

### **Parent Expectations:**

- Communicate regularly with teachers and school staff.
- Support your child with on-site, blended, or virtual learning.

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- Student accountability and responsibility: ensure student is actively engaged and learning.
- Create a learning space and daily routine.
- Regularly check parent portal.
- Participate in trainings, webinars, and/or meetings offered by the school.
- Support the community and prayer life of the school.
- Adhere to the school's absence policies.
- Follow school policies for class assignments, homework, projects, tests and quizzes as well as academic integrity.
- Presume the best of the teachers and school leaders.
- Be sure your child eats breakfast and other meals.
- Be sure your child gets exercise daily.

### **Mass, Assemblies, and Large Gatherings:**

Assemblies and large gatherings are not allowed at this time on campus. Meetings such as Parent Association and Parent Orientation will be done virtually until further notice.

Mass protocols are determined by Archbishop Thomas Wenski. When possible, social distancing is recommended at student school Masses.

MOR Catholic School, in coordination with our Pastor- Father Juan P. Hernandez has created procedures and policies for school Mass.

- School Masses are closed to parents, visitors, and volunteers until further notice.
- *Grade levels for weekly Mass might be livestreamed to limit contact with others.*
- *Live streaming to the rest of the school and any students participating remotely while one group is in the worship space will take place.*

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## Recess/Physical Education:

Recess schedule will be re-evaluated to minimize the number of students on the playground at one time. Playground surfaces will undergo disinfection on a routine basis.

Physical education lessons will practice social distancing protocols and limit the use of shared equipment. Equipment will be cleaned and disinfected after each class use. Each class will utilize their own equipment for recess and/or PE, when possible.

## Social-Emotional Well-Being of Students and Staff:

Resources and trainings will be provided to schools by the Office of Catholic Schools. MOR Catholic School counselor will work with students and families to provide support as needed. Program **Cloud9World** will be implemented.

## Learning Gap Plan:

As a result of schools' closures due to COVID-19, we expect there to be learning gaps that must be addressed. MOR Catholic School will be required to administer the **Beacon** assessment within the first three weeks of the start of school. Administration of the Beacon will occur a minimum of twice before school closes for the Christmas holidays. The second administration should be scheduled for late November/early December.

Mother of Our Redeemer Catholic School will utilize formative and summative assessment results to create a Learning Gap Plan.

In addition to Beacon, our school will utilize **iReady Diagnostic** to monitor student learning.

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## Conclusions:

- Final reopening decisions will be made in **mid-August**, based on current conditions and ADOM, CDC, and state authorities' guidelines at that time.
- As part of a flexible approach, **individual preferences** of students and families will also be accommodated as appropriate.
- This plan continues to evolve as **new data** and **recommendations** are considered.
- As Archdiocese of Miami System of Schools, we are working with all of the various **labor groups** toward ensuring the best implementation of our plan.
- **The ADOM OCS (Office of Catholic Schools) recommendation must reopen on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through virtual approach. A re-assessment of the situation will be done on September 18<sup>th</sup> and a determination will be made to come back face-to-face offering the option of blended/ livestream learning as well.**
- **The following press release was published by the ADOM today:**

**Sept. 16, 2020**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
MEDIA ALERT

### **Archdiocese of Miami announces resumption of in-classroom instructions at its Catholic Schools, beginning September 23rd**

**Miami... (Sept. 16, 2020)** Archbishop Thomas Wenski, after consultation with Archdiocese of Miami administrators, pastors, and school principals is announcing Catholic Schools in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, while continuing to offer "distance learning," will phase in the return of students to in-classroom instruction beginning Wednesday, September 23rd.

Each school (including 49 elementary schools and eight high schools) has in place a "Phase In" plan to facilitate the orderly return to in-classroom instruction.



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After school care will be offered where available. Each school will publish its plan for which day the class/grade returns on its website.

This “phased in” return of students will be completed by Friday, October 2nd. Again, parents may opt for their child(ren) to continue their education via distance learning.

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