

# **Back to School Plan for Our Lady of Sorrows**

*Fall 2020*

**Goal: To get back to the classroom  
safely.**

## **Covid Committee 2020**

- Comprised of teachers, support staff, administration, parents, and public health representatives
- Meetings: July 29, August 5, August 12
- Our plan was put together in partnership with Rusk County Public Health

## **Safety Operations: Physical Spaces**

- Social Distancing - to the greatest extent possible
- No drinking fountains, only water bottle filling stations
- Educational signage around school and on the bus regarding social distancing, hand washing expectations, and COVID-19 symptoms
- Isolation/sick room for students with COVID-19 symptoms

## **Safety Operations: Healthy Environments**

- Frequent Hand Washing
- Hand Sanitizer Stations throughout the schools
- Ion Air Purifier in sick room
- Cleaning and Disinfecting the school - daily/weekly
- Staggered Use of Common Spaces
- Individual school supplies rather than shared supplies;

Supplies that are shared will be disinfected after each use.

## **Safety Operations: Day to Day**

- Face Coverings are required for staff and students
  - Individuals with health conditions or disabilities that would preclude the wearing of a face covering safely are also exempt from the requirement.
- Temperature checks and health screenings will be monitored by parents and staff. Educational materials will be provided to ALL families.
- Any student or staff with a temperature of 100 or above will be sent home.
- Limit nonessential visitors to the schools. They must wear a cloth face covering
- Keep classes together as much as possible
- Stagger bathroom breaks, lunch, recess, passing times
- Regulate social distancing at entrance and exit times and in the hallway
- Teachers will keep a seating chart in all classrooms
- Bus Drivers will have a seating chart on all busses
- Desks will face in the same direction
- No carpet time
- Field trips are canceled

## **Safety Operations: Cafeteria**

- Food Service will follow safety guidelines per USDA and local health
- Staff will follow social distancing, hand washing, and PPE
- Hand washing and sanitizers will be used when entering the cafeteria
- Sneeze guards are in place for the serving line
- No self service
- Students will sit facing the same direction and 3-4 students at a table, depending on table size
- All tables will be cleaned and sanitized after each use

## **Safety Operations: Transportation**

- Students from the same family will sit together
- Cloth face Coverings are required
- Hand Sanitizer will be utilized entering and exiting the bus
- Buses will be disinfected following each route
- Parents are encouraged to provide their own transportation
- Students that live close to the school are encouraged to walk or ride their bike
- If you have further questions about bussing, please contact the Ladysmith School District at 715-532-5531

## **Instructional Models:**

## Face to Face Instruction

- Available for **ALL students** that choose to return to the classroom
- 5 days per week - Regular Schedule
- Social Distancing to the greatest degree possible
- Face Coverings
- Increased Hand Washing
- Grading procedures and practices are unchanged from the handbook

## Distance Learning - Personal Option for Fall 2020

- Available for ALL students that are not able to return to the classroom
- 5 days per week - Regular Schedule
- Teachers will provide instruction using Google Classroom
- Grading will be implemented the same as if the student were attending school in person
  
- Students must register for this option by August 20th
  
- Students must commit to either virtual or in person instruction at the start of the school year. If starting the school year virtually and the student would like to change to in person learning and return to the classroom, the student must finish the quarter before attending school face-to-face. Students cannot go back and forth between two options

during a quarter.

- For the ultimate learning experience only one change in instruction model is allowed this school year due to COVID-19.

## **Distance Learning - When Required**

- Distance Learning may be used this school year for the following situations:
  - Public Health is recommending/requiring fewer students in the school setting
  - Teacher/Substitute shortage due to COVID or other flu symptoms
  - If a classroom of students needs to be quarantined for two weeks

## **Goal: Learning Face-to-Face**

- Students will spend the first three weeks learning Google classroom, Google meet, email, and any other online learning platforms
- Social Emotional Health is our focus during the first week back to school
- Students anxieties and concerns will be addressed
- Teachers and staff will detect issues early and help students integrate back into the school setting
- Classrooms will be welcoming environments for our students

## Student Success

- Teachers will explicitly teach:
  - Handwashing
  - Social Distancing
  - Face Coverings
  - Changes in recess, cafeteria, hallway, etc.
- Teachers will focus on the **POSITIVE** interventions for these expectations
- Elementary Students will have a morning meeting check in at the start of each day
- Students will be greeted/welcome at the beginning of each day or before each class
- Student concerns will be discussed with the school principal ASAP

## Staff Wellness

- Staff will use trauma sensitive practices
- We will focus on staff wellness
- **Staff health is very important to our success plan.**
- Principal will intervene and support where needed

## Professional Development for Staff

- Back to School COVID safety training - ALL staff
- Google Classroom - ALL staff
- Google Meet - ALL teachers

- Training for food service staff - COVID 19 safety and expectations
- Training for custodians
- Training on essential learning standards -ALL teachers
- Building community, high expectations, and routines in your classroom

## **What Happens if a student/staff member tests positive**

- If someone tests positive
  - Public Health officials will conduct an interview with a person, or parents of a child, and find out when symptoms started - go back 2 days before symptoms show up
  - Isolation is required - 10 days from symptom onset
- Need to be free of symptoms for 24 hours without use of medicine

## **Contact Tracing**

- Contact tracing-Communication is conducted by Public Health
  - Within less than 6 feet of that person for 15 minutes or more (can be cumulative).
  - Direct physical contact
  - Anyone in same house would be isolated



# Final Thoughts

- This plan was a collaborative effort between:
  - Public Health
  - Ladysmith School District Administration
  - Ladysmith School District Staff
  - OLS Administration and Parish
  - OLS Covid Committee
- This plan is subject to change as we address the safety of our staff and students during the 2020-2021 school year.