

## Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Bishop McCort Catholic High School**

**Initial Effective Date: July 14, 2020**

**Date of Last Review: August 18, 2021**

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1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The health and safety of Bishop McCort Catholic High School staff and students remains, as always, the top priority for the organization. The BMCHS Administration and Pandemic Response Team continue to take critical steps making decisions that protect the health and safety of our organization in the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the expiration of statewide mitigation orders, Bishop McCort Catholic High School has identified organizational standards and expectations which outline the protocols expected of all staff members, students, and visitors as the organization continues moving forward. Protocols include the following:

- Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- Following communicable disease reporting procedures
- Practicing appropriate hygiene etiquette
- Optional use of face coverings/adherence to health and safety plans of locations served
- Cleaning and disinfecting one's workspace
- Maintaining physical distancing protocols when feasible
- Staying informed of CDC's guidance relative to travel
- Maintaining best practices in regards to mitigation efforts

Expectations will be dependent on the latest mandates, edicts, and orders issued by the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The Administration and BMCHS Pandemic Response Team will continue to monitor communications from these entities. As conditions change related to COVID-19, all protocols are subject to change.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Bishop McCort Catholic High School will resume classes on Monday, August 30, 2021. Students will have the following educational delivery options:

1. In-Person classroom instruction at Bishop McCort Catholic High School (remote learning may be occasionally necessary depending on positive cases within the school community and governing body mandates)
2. Full remote instruction through taught by BMCHS faculty
3. Students with a medical need may access the remote the learning option.

Student COVID-19 medical issues which require a temporary leave from the classroom will be addressed on a case by case basis to determine the most appropriate instructional alternatives to continue the student's education.

4. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</b></li> </ul>	<p>As of June 28, 2021, face coverings are optional for all individuals (staff, students, parents, and visitors), regardless of vaccination status, in Bishop McCort Catholic High School offices, classrooms and sponsored events per expiration of the PA required mandate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop McCort Catholic High School will consider the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC relative to face coverings.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing :</u></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop McCort Catholic High School will consider the latest mandates provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC relative to physical distancing.</li> <li>• Whenever COVID-19 is prevalent locally, physical distancing to the maximum extent feasible will continue to be recommended for indoor and outdoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></b></li> </ul>	<p>Expectations related to handwashing and respiratory etiquette are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washing one’s hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds</li> <li>• If soap and water are not available, using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol</li> <li>• Avoid touching one’s eyes, nose, and mouth</li> <li>• Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough or sneeze into one’s elbow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop McCort Catholic High School will adhere to the latest mandates and recommendations provided by PDE, DOH, and CDC related to cleaning.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases will continue to be implemented. Hand sanitizer and cleaning materials will remain available.</li> <li>• Limiting shared materials and equipment that cannot be easily cleaned will continue when feasible.</li> <li>• Staff/students will continue to be expected to share in the cleaning and disinfecting of shared equipment and furniture/items within an individual's office or classroom.</li> <li>• Additional cleaning and disinfecting protocols may be required as deemed appropriate or directed by the PA Department of Health.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pennsylvania Department of Health considers COVID-19 a communicable disease. As such, it is among DOH's listing of reportable diseases.</li> <li>• All staff members are required to report any suspected or known case of COVID-19 to their supervisor within 24 hours.</li> <li>• Diocesan Education Office will contact PADOH and follow any applicable guidance.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students, staff, and visitors are required to perform a symptom screening prior to arriving at school or at the school bus stop each day. Symptomatic people will be asked to NOT attend school or school sponsored events.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a student, staff or visitor whom has entered the building and is screened by the health office with a temperature greater than 100.4 will be sent home for monitoring of further symptoms and asked not to return to school until 24 hours fever/symptom free.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bishop McCort Catholic High School will continue to serve as a vaccination host site if requested by local healthcare providers.</li> <li>● BMCHS will continue to communicate local vaccine opportunities available to students, staff and the community.</li> <li>● Although BMCHS will make vaccines available to students and the community, vaccinations will not be required.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Special accommodations or health care needs of students with disabilities will be made as appropriate.</li> <li>● The Principal and School Counselor will work with families to develop student specific education plans.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Coordination with state and local health officials.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bishop McCort Catholic High School will continue to maintain existing partnerships with local and state agencies regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>● As with any communicable disease, Bishop McCort Catholic High School will contact the Diocesan Education Office who will coordinate with the DOH to report a suspected or known case of COVID-19 and follow any applicable guidance.</li> </ul>

## BMCHS PANDEMIC RESPONSE TEAM

Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Roles & Responsibilities (Plan Development or Response Team)
<b>Thomas Smith</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Pandemic Coordinator – Both
<b>Christopher Pfeil</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Jennifer Bradley</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Angela Blough</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Jeanne Feathers</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Maria Sanders</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Ralph DeMarco</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Michael Bako</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Jen Steiner</b>	Greater Johnstown School District	Both
<b>Thomas Deter</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Plan Development
<b>Timothy Clark</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Plan Development
<b>Richard Denhard</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Dr. Matthew Perry</b>	Conemaugh Hospital	Both
<b>Marianne McCowan</b>	Western PA Sports Medicine	Both
<b>Ed Worthington</b>	Bishop McCort Catholic High School	Both
<b>Mary Ellen Pollino</b>	Metz Culinary Management	Both

## Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Trustees for Bishop McCort Catholic High School reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 18, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**

Affirmed on: August 18, 2021

By:

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*(Signature of Board President)*

**Timothy Clark**

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*(Print Name of Board President)*