

July 13, 2021
Month of the Most Precious Blood
Year of St. Joseph

Dear Catholic School Families,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released COVID-19 guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year. The Health and Safety Task Force of the Office of the Superintendent of Schools has *begun the process* of reviewing these guidelines while we await the final directives from the New York State Department of Health, whose rules have always informed our policies throughout the pandemic.

Once the state provides their protocols, our Reopening Advisory Council of the Health and Safety Task Force will release the Catholic Schools reopening plan for September. This will allow your principal to begin to adapt those regulations to the specific parameters and needs of your school.

We thank you for your continued patience and support as we prepare to safely open our schools for 100% in-person instruction for *all* our students - with no need for remote or hybrid instruction - so they may pray, learn and grow *together*. In the meantime, I pray you enjoy a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Mr Michael J. Deegan
Superintendent of Schools
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