
OSNAS COVID-19 Plan of Action

This plan has been reviewed, discussed, and approved by the OSNAS school board as well as the school’s administration. The faculty have had the opportunity to review, comment, and make suggestions, many of which have now been incorporated. Several school families also proved instrumental in the drafting of this document. We are pleased to present to our current families, prospective families, and New York State our COVID-19 Plan of Action. May God bless our country and His school.

Screening

- Upon arrival into the building, the temperatures of faculty, staff and students will be checked.
- If a student registers a temperature in excess of 100 degrees, that student will be asked to sit in our designated waiting area outside the chapel. They will be checked a second time after other students have been checked. If the temperature is still at 100 they will need to sit in a designated area. The parents will be notified and the student will be sent home.
- Anyone who is symptomatic of illness will be seen by the nurse and/or administration and a determination will be made by whether the student needs to be sent home. If the student is required to go home, he or she will sit with a mask in the designated waiting area outside the chapel.
- All visitors during the school day will have their temperature checked upon entering the building. Temperatures in excess of 100 degrees will not be permitted to remain the building.
- Any time a student is absent, parents should email the school at attendance@osnas.org by 9am and provide the reason the student is absent. If the student is sick, the parent should include the symptoms and whether they have recently been in the presence of anyone with COVID-19.

Social Distancing

- Students will remain 6 feet apart (side to side and when facing one another). If they can’t remain 6 feet apart, they will have to wear a face covering.
- Teachers will be minimizing the amount of furniture (shelves, cubbies, etc.) in the classroom to maximize the amount of physical space.
- We can fit 16 students in most of our classrooms if we had barely any furniture and 12 students with a little furniture. Our average class size last year was 10 students per class.
- On nice days, teachers will be permitted to give instruction outdoors.
- Teachers will also be permitted to use open spaces like the gym lobby

Face Coverings

- Students will be required to wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible (e.g. hall passing, buses, etc.).
- Students who are unable to medically tolerate a face covering, including students where such covering would impair their physical health or mental health are not subject to the required use of a face covering.

Hall Passing and Restrooms

- Face coverings will be used when passing through the halls and while students are in the restroom/locker room.
- We will have arrows on the floor to show the direction of traffic (staying on the right side).
- Elementary grades will wait until the second bell sounds if they are walking in the halls to allow for more space in the hallways.

Cafeteria

- Students will be spaced 6 feet apart. Students will not be required to wear masks.
- There will be three separate lunch times (K-6, 7-8 and 9-12)
- During the K-6 lunch period, grades 5-6 will purchase any lunch items first and then go back to their classroom to eat. This will allow for proper spacing.
- 7-8 will have plenty of room to space out.
- During the 9-12 lunch period, the two classrooms adjacent to the cafeteria (Undercroft 1 and Undercroft 2) will be open for students to eat their lunch there. This will allow for proper spacing.
- Students will not be permitted to use the microwaves.
- Hot lunches and snacks brought in from outside restaurants will continue to be served.

Playground

- The playground will be off limits but the children will be able to have lunch recess in the fields.

Chapel & Daily Prayer

- Instead of gathering in the church sanctuary, we will be gathering in the gymnasium where students will be able to social distance.

Physical Education

- Students will be involved in non-contact activities while maintaining social distancing

After-School Clubs

- After-school clubs will be available for students provided that NYS guidelines such as social distancing can be met.

Sports

- As of right now, school sports teams are not permitted. However, NYS is considering a phased in approach that will allow for certain low-risk Fall sports to occur (cross country),

other moderate risk sports to occur in the absence of a COVID spike (soccer), and other sports that are considered higher risk (basketball and volleyball) to conduct training and player development with low/no contact.

- The league that we participate in is actively planning for a Fall season regardless.

Bus Transportation

- Students will need to comply with the guidelines laid down by their specific school district.
- If a district is closed and we are open for in-person instruction, parents will need to provide transportation to and from school.

Ventilation

- Weather permitting, windows will be open to maximize ventilation.
- Doors will remain open when possible.

Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entrance of the school, in common areas, and in each classroom.

Supplies

- Students will be expected to have the following items with them at all times:
 - Disposable disinfecting wipes (antiviral/antibacterial)
 - Disposable tissues
 - Protective face mask (per CDC specifications)
- Students should have their own supplies and avoid sharing items.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- A cleaning log (date, time and scope) will be maintained to ensure that school areas are disinfected on a daily basis in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Teachers will facilitate the disinfection process at the end and/or beginning of each class.
- Where appropriate, students will use their disposable wipes to disinfect the tools intended for their personal use (e.g. personal desk, chair, table, keyboard, monitor, learning devices/tools).

Hygiene Instruction

- Signs will be placed throughout the building communicating good hygiene.
- Instruction will be given on sanitary techniques such washing hands, sneezing, touching the face, wearing a face covering, etc.

Testing Positive

- The school must notify the state and local health department upon being informed of a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual within school facilities or grounds.
- If a student or staff member tests positive, the next day the school will be closed for a thorough cleaning and disinfection.
- If a student or staff member resides with someone who tests positive, that person will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result or quarantine for 14 days outside the school as required by the state.
- Health laws prohibit the sharing of health information with others.

Returning to School

- As required by the state, if an individual tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of whether the individual is symptomatic or asymptomatic, he or she may return to work upon completing at least 10 days of isolation from the onset of symptoms or 10 days of isolation after the first positive test if they remain asymptomatic.
- If an individual has had close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time AND is experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, the individual may return upon completing at least 10 days of isolation from the onset of symptoms.

Travel

- Individuals traveling out of New York and then returning will have to abide by the quarantine guidelines (if any) that the state of New York imposes.
- Individuals coming from other countries will need to quarantine for 14 days outside the school and if necessary host family.
- Agency representatives will be responsible to make these arrangements with their respective students and provide proof (to include airline tickets and hotel receipts) that the student fulfilled this 14 days quarantine requirement. A negative COVID-19 test conducted by a local (New York) medical facility may be required.

School Closure

- If deemed necessary by the state of New York, OSNAS will shift to a predetermined online schedule so that instruction can continue. Students will receive face-to-face instruction from the teachers in their core classes.
- For at least the first day after closure, classes will not meet so that teachers can prepare for online classes.

Point of Contact

- Dr. Wil Stelzer, the Principal at OSNAS will be the point of contact regarding any policies and procedures related to COVID-19.

Parting Thought

“The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1