



**THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL
2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN
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THE DE LA SALLE SCHOOL SCHOOL PATHWAY TO EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

RE-OPENING RE-VISIONING RE-VITALIZING PLAN

COMMUNICATION CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF EDUCATING MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STUDENT ONE FAMILY ONE TEACHER ONE STAFF MEMBER ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME!!!

- Partnership amongst all stakeholders, administrators, teachers, staff, community and most importantly our school families!!!!
- It is imperative that all are working together and informed of daily practices and procedures.
- The number one form of communication which will be utilized on a daily basis is the messaging app REMIND.
 - When school closed in the spring, this was our best resource to communicate with all our families. Some families don't have emails nor internet service so this allowed for easy communication between all stakeholders.
 - According to the REMIND usage data, since the day we closed(March 13, 2020) until the last day of school(June 19), over 115,000 messages were sent using the REMIND app. Communication was vital to us as a school and will continue to be as we embark on this new school year.
- Family-School Virtual Meetings
 - Meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis with families and faculty, or as we see the need to come together to discuss any important changes or concerns that may arise
- Other forms of communication which will be used are: telephone calls, emails, website postings, mail.

Health and Safety

The well being, health, and safety of our faculty, staff, students, and all our school community is our top priority as we plan for how to reopen the school. The De La Salle School will have in place protocols and guidelines on hygiene and social distancing that must be followed. The recommendations include:

★ FACE COVERINGS & PPE

- All faculty and staff will be required to wear masks.
 - TDLSS will provide masks for faculty and staff, as well as allow faculty and staff to wear their own masks.
- All students are required to wear masks in school and on the bus
 - TDLSS will provide masks for students who need them, or students will be allowed to wear their own masks.
- Proper usage of masks will be explained to faculty, staff, students, and families during the “TDLSS Together Stronger School Reopening Online Meeting to be held prior to start of school.
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★ SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing in classrooms and common areas, avoiding crowds, and staying at least six feet away from others whenever possible.
- To accommodate social distancing in classrooms and commons areas, the Administration team is creating layouts for desks, tables, chairs, and other items.
- Students will NOT switch classes, teachers will rotate for instruction, minimizing face to face interactions in hallways.
- In-person class size will be reduced to half capacity.
 - Maximum number of students per class will be 9, in addition to one to two teachers
 - Classroom dimensions will allow for each student working to have 6 feet distance on all sides of their desks, and from the teacher.

★ HYGIENE PRACTICES

- Proper handwashing will be demonstrated and stressed each day.
 - Upon arriving to school before entering the building
 - Before and after lunch
 - Prior to departure
- Bathrooms will be adequately stocked with hand soap.

- Handwashing stations will be in all classrooms, offices, and at the entrance of the school.
 - All Handwashing Stations will be fully equipped with alcohol-based hand sanitizer consisting of 60% or more alcohol
- Posters, signage about proper hygiene posted around the school
 - Handwashing
 - Cough/sneeze etiquette
 - Symptoms of COVID
 - Physical Distancing

★ SCREENING

- We will follow the guidance of the New York State Department of Health in our response to a positive diagnosis.
 - If we receive confirmation that a student or employee has had a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, prompt action will be taken by TDLSS by contacting the NYSDOH and following their directions regarding quarantine.
- Families will be asked to do home assessments of their students' health each day before sending them to school.
- Staff will be asked to do self-assessments of their own health before reporting to work each day.
- Students and staff will have their temperature checked each day before being allowed to enter the building.
- If a temperature of 100.0 or above is indicated, students will be sent directly to the nurse's office, quarantine area, and staff will be sent home.
- Limited visitors or volunteers will be allowed in school buildings.
- No in-person field trips will be allowed.
- Students and staff must use fillable water bottles and not drink directly from water fountains.
 - Water fountains will be turned off to prevent usage.
- Families should make arrangements for pick-up of students who become ill during the school day.
 - Students who are ill will remain in the quarantine room inside the nurse's office until they are picked up from school.
 - For pick-up, the student will be brought out to the parent and a sign out form will be given to the individual to fill out and hand in as proof of student release
 - A designated staff member, preferably an administrator, will bring ill students out for pick up.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- ★ TDLSS will ensure that the school is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected each night after in-person classes.
- ★ Daily cleaning protocols will be followed to ensure that classrooms and work areas are clean and safe.
 - High-frequency areas will be cleaned every hour; doorknobs, push handles, banisters.
- ★ TDLSS uses a hospital-grade disinfectant
 - For the Fall the school is looking into using a school approved disinfecting spray as an added layer of disinfectant.
 - All disinfectant cleaners will meet CDC and DOH requirements
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Food Services

- ★ When students are in school, meals will be consumed in the classroom.
 - Classrooms are set up to ensure student desks are 6 feet apart
 - Teachers and students will remain 6ft apart while eating
 - Teachers and students will wear a mask when moving about the classroom at all times
- ★ Proper washing of desks will be done before and after meals.
 - Teachers will provide reminders of the importance of proper handwashing and no sharing of food.
- ★ There will be one designated pail for all lunch items to be discarded in, and then tied up and disposed of immediately following lunch.
- ★ Students will be instructed to bring a bagged lunch.

Transportation

- ★ TDLSS students receive transportation from their local school district which contracts out to independent bus companies. The students will follow the guidelines and protocols for their bus provider. At this time the bus companies are limiting the number of students riding the bus to allow for social distancing.
- ★ Students will be required to wear a mask at their bus stop and on the bus, as well as use social distance at their stop.

Teaching and Learning

The De La Salle School's goal and top priority is to ensure that students are provided with an educational sound instructional program that offers continuous learning with as little interruption as possible!!!! Implementing such a program will also

★ Families have the option of doing either Hybrid or Remote Learning

★ Hybrid Model

- Students will attend school using a blended learning model that combines two days of in-person instruction at school and three days of online instruction
- 2 Days in-person at school
 - Group A-5th & 8th Grade Monday and Wednesday
 - First Day of School September 9, 2020
 - Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM
 - Group B 6th & 7th Grade Tuesday and Thursday
 - First Day of School September 8, 2020
 - Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM
- 3 Days Remote Learning
 - Students will have virtual classes on these days
 - Fridays day will be utilized for students to receive academic intervention providing individualized help, via Google Meet

★ Remote Model

- Students will follow online virtual instruction with their teachers, as we did in the Spring.
- All work packets will be done via Google Classroom

★ Technology

- All students will be guaranteed resources needed to work remotely. We are looking into affordable internet access for those families who do not have internet access. This was one of the obstacles our students struggled with as they navigated online classes in the Spring.

★ Social and Emotional Well Being

- Our faculty will foster the five core competencies : self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

- Self management -Performance reviews, one on one conversations with students. Reinforcing the expectations navigating and moving forward.
- At the opening of school,a questionnaire will be given to each family to address the needs and concerns parents may have for their child.
 - The school social worker and principal, will work with students and families, consistently following up with phone calls, keeping an open forum for families to communicate.
 - Social worker, as well as the principal, on a daily basis will monitor student behavior in and out of the classroom and virtual classrooms.
 - Teachers will communicate with social worker and principal if they observe any change in students behaviors or work ethic
 - **Special Note- When school closed on March 13, 2020. Our first priority was to ensure the well-being of our students emotionally, socially, and academically, as well as our families and staff. We established connectivity with our students and families IMMEDIATELY!!! School closed on Friday and we were up and distance learning the following Monday. We virtually met with students each day, additionally we had Parent-Meeting within 3 weeks of school closing, in which we had 100% family participation(communication key). The social-emotional as we start this new year will be again one of our top priorities.**

★ Physical Education

- As long as weather permits, classes will be conducted outside when students are in school.
- 12 feet of space will be mandated between students during class activity

This plan is based on current conditions. Our task force will meet regularly to update and adjust as needed based on the current COVID-19 conditions. We must remain flexible as conditions change. The health and safety of our school community will remain our top priority.