

In response to the concerns expressed in the recent Reopening Survey, Holy Cross has compiled an FAQ with responses.

**1. What does the hybrid plan look like?**

- a. The hybrid plan follows an A/B schedule. In terms of our current 6 day cycle, students will be assigned to come to school every even day of the cycle, or every odd day of the cycle.

**2. How will daily lessons differ in the hybrid plan?**

- a. Teachers will be “flipping” their lessons. Flipped Learning is a framework that enables educators to reach every student. The Flipped approach inverts the traditional classroom model by introducing course concepts before class, allowing educators to use class time to guide each student through active, practical, innovative applications of the course principles.

**3. What will students do on the days that they are home?**

- a. On the days students are home, they will be working on activities that introduce course concepts so students can apply these concepts in active learning activities in class the following day. These assignments will include pieces that must be submitted for grading, attendance, and student accountability.

**4. What will the students at home schedule look like?**

- a. In order to establish a routine at home, students will follow their school schedule. Ex: Work assigned by their first period teacher must be submitted by the end of period 1.

**5. Under the hybrid model, how will you divide the students into 50% capacity?**

- a. Students will be divided into two cohorts so that half the school reports one day and the other half reports the following day.

**6. How will you decide what day the student goes to school and the days the student stays home?**

- a. That will be based upon which schedule, A or B, the student is assigned. The schedule will be shared with you via PowerSchool® the week of August 24th.

**7. Will the Honors or AP programs be affected?**

- a. No. We are dedicated to providing our students with coursework that challenges our students and enables them to reach their greatest potential.

**8. Will students from the same family be on the same schedule?**

- a. Yes. Siblings will be scheduled into the same cohort.

**9. Is there a full remote option for families who are uncomfortable sending their child to school?**

- a. Full remote learning is an option that will be offered to all who would prefer it.

The deadline to choose the remote option is Friday, August 28th. The survey will be emailed to all families.

**10. If I choose hybrid learning can I change it to remote learning later?**

- a. Families may request to switch to full remote learning. Selecting full remote learning will commit a student to stay home for the duration of the marking period. Families may re-assess their student's placement on a quarter by quarter basis.

**11. If I choose full remote learning, will students have to attend school for certain events or programs?**

- a. Students will need to attend the book day at the beginning of the year to pick up necessary supplies.

**12. What will the full remote option look like while students follow the hybrid schedule?**

- a. Students will use Google Meet to remotely join the classroom on days they would have reported to school.

**13. What if the school has to transition to full remote learning for everybody due to a decision by the Mayor or Governor?**

- a. If our school is required to move to full remote learning, students will follow their schedule and engage in live lessons via Google Meet.

**14. Will teachers receive professional development (training) to improve their tech skills?**

- a. Teachers are currently receiving PD to improve their delivery of instruction in both the hybrid and distance learning models.

**15. Will the hybrid or distance model affect the way students receive support services and accommodations, for example, an IESP?**

- a. Some services will need to be delivered remotely since students will not be in the building every day.

**16. What will be done to ensure the social-emotional needs of students are being met?**

- a. Social Emotional Training will be provided to faculty. The faculty will work to implement this throughout the day. Guidance services will also be provided to all students.

**17. Would students remain in their homeroom classroom and receive instruction across each subject area remotely?**

- a. No. Schedules vary from student to student so they will need to travel in order to be in class with other students taking that course.

- 18. If students are to move throughout the school building moving from classroom to classroom for face to face instruction for each subject, how will the desks, chairs and materials be sanitized for each group entering the classroom?**
- Students will not be sharing materials. There are sanitizing wipes in every classroom. Students will wipe down their work area before they begin work and after they finish their work.
- 19. Is there a plan to implement UV light treatment to classrooms?**
- Not at this time.
- 20. Is there a plan to install air conditioning or a dedicated air filtration system in classrooms?**
- Dual intake/exhaust fans will be installed in every classroom and windows and doors will be open to promote the exchange of fresh air.
- 21. How will classrooms and all common areas of the school be sanitized?**
- High-touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day. Rooms will be sanitized daily. Sanitizing wipes and rubber gloves will be made available in every room so students can clean their work space before they begin and after they finish
- 22. Will students be provided guidance on proper hygiene and handwashing protocols?**
- Videos will be aired during homeroom to reinforce hygiene, handwashing, and social distancing protocols.
- 23. Will students be able to hear and understand the teachers, and other students, with masks on?**
- Yes they will.
- 24. Will students have to wear a mask all day?**
- Yes, we will follow CDC, NYSED, and NYSDOH guidelines. Students will be permitted to remove masks for lunch while eating.
- 25. I know it is for safety, but 6 hours with a mask on will be an issue for students with classrooms without air conditioning and those with breathing issues.**
- Our student's safety is paramount. Students with breathing issues should discuss this with their family doctor. Those with breathing issues may see the nurse and she can arrange scheduled mask breaks.
- 26. Is there a plan to conduct daily temperature checks?**
- Yes. Thermal cameras will be used to check the temperature of all staff and students.

- 27. What do you mean by a wellness check daily before coming to school? Do students have to take their own temperature?**
- The at home wellness check is an additional step, the purpose of which is to save parents the aggravation of having to come to the school to pick up a child that has a fever. We have a sick room for students to report to prior to them being sent home.
- 28. I am concerned about public transportation and the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Will extra buses be added or will there be less transportation options?**
- We do not anticipate extra bus services being provided.
- 29. Will the tuition be reduced for remote learning?**
- Tuition will not be reduced for remote learning.
- 30. How can you ensure the safety of the students' health during the time when they are at PE class, mass, lunch, and during the switch of classes and being at lockers when there's multiple classes and or students present at once?**
- Proper social distancing will be enforced at all times.
  - For PE class, each student will have 12 square feet in which to work.
  - Masses will be live-streamed to homerooms.
  - Lockers will not be assigned until the late fall so as to prevent crowding at lockers.
  - Staircases have been marked for one way traffic. Hallways are divided in half with one-way directional arrows.
- 31. When can we expect updates on sport activities?**
- The CHSAA will meet on September 21st. Updates will be provided by our Athletic Director, Mr. Keith Googin, after that meeting.
- 32. Will the students be able to bring water bottles to remain hydrated?**
- Students may bring water bottles. All bottles must be able to seal closed to prevent leaks/spills.
- 33. Will students be able to change their masks during the day?**
- Students may bring more than one mask. They may change masks if they feel it is necessary. A mask must be worn at all times in the building.