



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Building Wisdom and Faith Through Service to God

2020-2021 Wellness Policy Plan and Evaluation -Health Wellness Index

1. Identify 3 strengths of the plan for your school
 - The greatest source of strength to the successful implementation of our mitigation plan, was the common mind set and collaboration of our team in following and practicing the mitigation practices that were put in place during this pandemic.
 - The continuous promotion of healthy and responsible behavior that decreases the spread of contagion especially the coronavirus. Such behaviors were the wearing of mask, social distancing, frequent handwashing and frequent disinfection of high touch surfaces.
 - St. Joseph School strictly followed the Fairfax County Health Department guidelines on travel quarantine requirements and social gatherings.
2. Identify 3 areas to strengthen in the plan for your school
 - St. Joseph School would like to find an alternative learning opportunity for high risk staff and students who are unable to attend in-person learning due to their health status, since concurrent teaching has proven to be an excess burden to both the teacher and students.
 - Encourage greater parent participation and utilization of the daily COVID -19 health screening tool for their child prior to dropping them off at school. This practice was embraced by parents at the beginning of the school year but as the school year progressed we were made aware by some of our students that their parents were no longer completing the health screening tool prior to dropping them off at school.

- Encourage more proactive parent reporting of the reason for their child's absence vs the nurse having to reach out daily to each student who is absent without a parent notification.

3. Identify practices from the Re-opening Health Mitigation Plan that will be continued into the next school year

- St. Joseph School as of 5/19/21 plans to maintain 3 feet social distancing, the wearing of masks, frequent handwashing and continued disinfection of high touch surfaces in accordance with the guidelines. We will adjust as warranted if these recommendations are no longer applicable by the next academic school year.
- St. Joseph School will continue to encourage all staff and students to monitor their symptoms daily and to stay home if they are sick or unsure of the reason for their illness. This is an extra layer in place to help with infection prevention control in our school community.