



THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL

Transcript of Reopening Plan: Facilities & Transportation Video – Recorded July 22, 2020

Joe McGrain, Director of Facilities:

Good afternoon, John Carroll students and families.

For those who may not know me, my name is Joe McGrain and I'm the Director of Facilities at John Carroll. Today, I would like to share with you the School Reopening Task Force's plans specific to our Facilities and Transportation operations.

As discussions regarding the safest, most effective way to deliver academic instruction in the coming school year continue, the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff remains our highest priority. To that end, the following strategies will be implemented in the building once students return to school:

- Classrooms will be set up with desks spaced for safe physical distancing and with all desks facing same direction.
- Doors to the Academic Wing will open at 7:30 a.m. instead of 7:45 a.m. to limit students congregating in the U-hallway. Additionally, stairwells will be one-way only and we are investigating schedule modifications to minimize large groups of students interacting during arrival, departure and class changes.
- Signage will be posted throughout school to mark and ensure safe physical distancing.
- We are evaluating and will enforce appropriate capacities for shared areas including restrooms. We also will be expanding available lunch spaces to include the cafeteria with tables spaced 6' apart, as well as other areas such as the gyms, courtyard and other outdoor spaces.
- The cafeteria will implement a number of additional safety protocols, including physical distancing in the lunch line, adding an additional cashier, switching to single-serve condiment packs and utensils, offering more grab and go choices, and having cafeteria staff serve hot items on a tray directly to students rather than setting them out in a warmer.
- Water fountains will be turned off and students will be permitted to bring their own water bottles.
- To ensure students are complying with all safety protocols, we will be assigning staff to monitor hallways, restrooms and outdoor areas. We are also increasing our security staff to support the increased use of outdoor spaces.
- Where appropriate, doors will be kept open to avoid repetitive touch points.
- Janitorial services have been significantly enhanced throughout the building, with increased staffing and an increased frequency in the disinfection of high touch point areas such as restrooms. These areas will be disinfected throughout the school day, and **all** surfaces will be disinfected in the evenings in preparation for the following day. Our cleaning service has invested in both foggers and misters that utilize a CDC-approved and EPA-certified disinfectant

which enables classrooms to be completely disinfected in 15 minutes and larger areas such as the cafeteria and gyms in 20-30 minutes.

- Sneeze guard barriers have been installed on campus where appropriate, and cleansing wipes, hand sanitizer and disinfectant sprays will be made readily available throughout the building.
- Physical enhancements have been made to the Health Suite, including the construction of an isolation area. In keeping with CDC recommendations for outside air in these areas, vented skylights have also been installed in both the Health Suite and isolation area.
- Improvements have been made to the building's ventilation system to improve the flow and quality of air.
- Students will not be assigned lockers in order to avoid as much traffic in the hallways as possible. In lieu of lockers, students will be permitted to carry backpacks with them throughout the school day.
- Finally, creative options for outdoor learning environments are also being explored in hopes of creating as many safe, functional instructional spaces for students and faculty as we can.

In addition to measures being implemented on campus, the following steps will be taken to ensure the health and safety of our students who utilize our Bus Transportation program and our team members who staff it:

- Both the driver and students will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- Bus seating will be limited to one student per seat, with the exception of students who live in the same household.
- Buses will be fully disinfected after each route.

As Principal Durkin mentioned in his message to the school community, a new page on our website has been set up that will contain links to this video and future updates, as well as a forum to submit any questions or concerns you may have. You can find this page at john.carroll.org/reopening.

Our entire team is committed to providing the safest environment possible as our students, faculty and staff return to campus. Please stay safe and well, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Thank you!