

Erie Catholic Summer Program Plan: COVID– 19



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Our response to COVID – 19 for the Erie Catholic Summer Program is to mitigate the risk of the spread of this disease. Erie Catholic School System has developed the following guidelines and recommendations based on the PA Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). It is a family’s choice to send their child(ren) to the summer program. If you have registered your child(ren) for this program and no longer feel comfortable sending your child(ren), please contact the school office. By enrolling your child(ren), you assume responsibility and do not hold the Erie Catholic School System liable.

Screening for Staff

- Employees will be screened daily prior to entering the building:
 1. For the following symptoms: fever, cough, body aches, fatigue and difficulty breathing
 2. Any symptoms provided by the CDC (posted at the door of every school)
 3. Verify that no one in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results
 4. For a temperature of less than 100.4 (no contact thermometers will be used)

If the following 1-4 are not met, the employee will not be permitted to work and will be sent home prior to the beginning of their shift. The employee will be asked to submit physician clearances before returning to work.

- Employees will wear a mask/face covering during their shift.
- If an employee has a separate diagnosis (for example seasonal allergies) that is non-COVID but presents COVID-like symptoms, physician documentation must be provided.

Screening for Children

- Prior to entering the building, children will be screened for the following:
 1. For the following symptoms: fever, cough, body aches, fatigue and difficulty breathing
 2. Any symptoms provided by the CDC (posted at the door of every school)
 3. Verify that no one in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results

4. For a temperature of less than 100.4 (no contact thermometers will be used)

If the following 1-4 are not met, the child will not be permitted to attend summer program and will be sent home. The child/parent will be required to submit physician clearances before returning to the summer program.

- If a child has a separate diagnosis (for example seasonal allergies) that is non-COVID but presents COVID-like symptoms, physician documentation must be provided.

Drop off procedures: Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria door #9 between 7:30 am - 8:30 am

***Please note if dropping your child/children off after 8:30 am you must call the school office (814-455-1387) and a staff member will be with you as soon as possible**

- Each summer program will have entrances that are clearly marked. Staff members will be wearing mask/face coverings and maintaining social distancing.
 1. Parent(s) and child(ren) must wear a mask/face covering and remain in their vehicle until a staff member can assist them
 2. Staff will approach your vehicle and sign in the child(ren) with contactless interaction
 3. The child(ren) will be screened (please see above)
 4. If the child(ren) meet all requirements for clearance, then they can enter the summer program. If a child does not meet the requirements, they will be sent home
 5. Parents are not allowed to enter the school building
 6. The child(ren) will be escorted by summer program staff and instructed to wash or sanitize their hands prior to the start of the program
- Precautions will be taken to insure the privacy of child's screening

Pick up procedures: Blessed Sacrament Preschool Door #8

- Each summer program will have exits that are clearly marked
- Parent(s) must wear a mask/face covering for pickup. Parent(s) must press the intercom button on the right and will be instructed to wait outside the door as a staff member brings them their child(ren). Parent(s) will social distance outside specified door(s) based on the 6 feet social distance guidelines indicated on the school exit door or may remain in their vehicle until the parent before them leaves.
- Staff will ask for ID to verify on the pickup list the parent(s) picking up the child
- The child(ren) will wear their mask/face covering to exit summer program.
- Each child will take home all items he/she brought with him/her to summer program for proper cleaning and disinfection. No toys or electronics will be permitted unless approved by summer program staff.

Mask and Face Coverings

- The staff at each school will always wear masks/face coverings
- All efforts will be made for children to follow guidelines for wearing of masks/face coverings. The CDC health guidelines for children wearing masks/face coverings can be found: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID-19-and-Children>
- The staff will determine when it is appropriate for a child to wear their mask/face covering. This includes but is not limited to passing other groups of children or sharing a common space
- Parents will be called if a child does not adhere to wearing his/her mask/face covering
- Mask/face coverings are required at drop off and pick up

Lunch

- Children will eat lunch in a designated space and/or classroom with children they have interacted with during the day. There will be no travel for lunch into a cafeteria or common space unless it has been appropriately sanitized
- Children will wash or sanitize their hands before and after lunch
- Staff will wash their hands or sanitize before and after helping children

Social Distancing

- If possible, children will remain with the same group and staff every day
- Groups will be limited
- Sharing of a common space will include 6-foot clearances for children
- Classroom seating arrangements and spacing will be designed for 6-foot distance when feasible.
- Children will be reminded to keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth
- Handwashing will be encouraged frequently as well as the use of sanitizer
- Activities will be conducted outdoors as much as possible to minimize the amount of time that children spend in classrooms
- Hallways will be directionally marked to assist staff and children with social distancing

Safety of the Building - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

- Shared surfaces and toys will be cleaned and sanitized according to the CDC guidelines
- Restrooms will be designated with social distancing guidelines
- Restrooms will be cleaned every hour or more frequently during high traffic times

Playgrounds - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

- Erie Catholic playgrounds may be used by the summer program and CDC guidelines for cleaning, disinfecting and social distancing practices will be followed.

Other health notes

- If a child becomes ill during the day, s/he will be placed in a designated area and you will be called to pick up your child
- Summer program staff will be trained to follow the CDC guidelines
- If your child(ren) becomes sick at home, please do not send them to the summer program. The sick policy states children are to be symptom free for 24 hours before they can return. Please note, this includes fever, diarrhea and vomiting.

Summer programs in counties in the yellow or green phase may hold activities both indoor and outdoor. If Erie County would move to the red phase the summer program closes.

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