

# MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

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## MARIAN

Marian High School is monitoring news about the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID19) in Nebraska. Our decisions will be guided by health experts, the Douglas County Department of Health and the Nebraska Department of Education.

Please continue to watch for ongoing information from the school, as the circumstances change frequently. Important information will be sent via e-mail, the Parent Newsletter (PNL), and posted on our website, and social media channels.

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## Introduction

Marian High School is committed to the safety of our faculty, staff and students. During this unprecedented time, we will monitor COVID19 in Douglas County and surrounding areas as we make our decisions about school. All decisions will be made with the guidance of health care experts, Douglas County Department of Health and Nebraska Department of Education.

Our goal is to have all students in school this fall, but we know that not all students and faculty can be in our building due to their own health issues. Classes will be offered in person, but students who are unable to be in our building can be part of each class on Zoom. We also realize there will be more student absences due to a variety of factors.

We have three plans in place that we can implement very quickly, if necessary. Regardless of the plan, your daughter will be engaged and learning throughout this pandemic. We will continue to have programming from our counselors and all activities through Campus Ministry. Some of these activities may look different, however, we will continue to offer active engagement of each student.

This plan outlines our careful planning to have students safely in our building. We had over 300 students in our facilities over the summer and were able to manage them safely. I am hopeful and confident we can do the same in the fall.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or if you need any clarification. We look forward to seeing your daughter, in a mask, in our hallways!

Peace,

Susie Sullivan '80

Principal

## **Educational Plans**

We have three plans in place that we can implement at any time during the school year. Please know these three plans can and will be modified further, if necessary.

### **Plan 1**

All students will be in school full-time with safety precautions. Those who are unable to attend in person, can watch class on-line in real time through Zoom.

### **Plan 2**

School is in session, but we will implement a hybrid model. This will happen if the Department of Education or Douglas County Health Department mandate that students must have 6 feet of distance at all times. The schedule would be that students with last names A – L attend on Monday and Thursday. Students with last names M-Z attend on Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday all students will be remote and will attend class through Zoom.

### **Plan 3**

School is closed and all classes will be held on-line.

This decision will be made in conjunction with the Douglas County Health Department, the Nebraska Department of Education, the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools office, other local schools and Marian High School administration.

## Facilities and Safety

Subject	Information
Masks/Face Shields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone in our building is required to wear a mask at all times, except lunch.</li> <li>• Face shields will be provided to each student and worn in the hallways, as they change classes. It will be cleaned with alcohol wipes at the end of the day and stored in their locker.</li> <li>• Teachers have the option of requiring students to wear the face shield, in addition to the mask, during their class.</li> </ul>
Hand Sanitizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in each classroom</li> <li>• Located at each table in cafeteria</li> <li>• Located in common spaces; Quad, Haddix Academic Center</li> <li>• 70% alcohol gel foam used in the building</li> </ul>
Disinfectant wipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in each classroom</li> <li>• Used to wipe down desks at beginning and end of each class period. EPA/CDC compliant products are used.</li> </ul>
Disinfectant spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used on individual desks each evening. EPA/CDC compliant products are used.</li> </ul>
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staggered passing periods to limit number of students in hallways.</li> <li>• Assigned stairwells, to avoid overcrowding on stairways.</li> <li>• Students will wear face shields during passing periods.</li> </ul>
Building Cleaning Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire building will be sanitized each evening using electrostatic sprayer.</li> <li>• EPA/CDC compliant products are used.</li> </ul>
Restroom Cleaning schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrooms will be cleaned each evening.</li> <li>• Restrooms will be sanitized each hour throughout the school day.</li> <li>• EPA/CDC compliant products are used.</li> </ul>
High traffic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stairwells, handrails, doorknobs will be cleaned hourly.</li> <li>• EPA/CDC compliant products are used.</li> </ul>
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HVAC system is in the process of being checked for air quality in each classroom. This will be monitored by our custodial staff. HVAC ventilator fans will run throughout the day to increase fresh air throughout the building.</li> </ul>
Pre-screening at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents pre-screen <b>each day</b></li> <li>• Symptoms: (any of the following) fever, loss of taste/smell, tightness in chest, breathing difficulty, sore/hot throat, chills, close contact (within 6 feet for 10 minutes) with diagnosed individual within the past 14 days, less than 10 days without symptom emergence after a positive diagnosis.</li> <li>• A student with any of these symptoms should stay home and contact her doctor for a possible COVID19 test.</li> </ul>

Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No usage of drinking fountains.</li><li>• Students bring water bottles from home.</li><li>• Refill at water stations in the building.</li></ul>
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will be socially distanced.</li><li>• Hot lunch program will be available with limited choices.</li><li>• Students will be divided between cafeteria, west gym, quad, outside.</li></ul>
Positive Cases and response to adult/secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-report and please <b>STAY HOME</b></li><li>• Report to local health department – call 402-444-3400</li><li>• School will contact local health department for guidelines, at this time (7-15-20) disinfect room and watch for symptoms of those with secondary contact.</li></ul>

## FAQs

### **Q: What supplies does my daughter need:**

A clean, cloth mask for each day. We recommend 6 to 10 masks. An optional item is a small bottle of hand sanitizer for her backpack.

### **Q: Where will students gather before and after school?**

Our building will open at 6:30 a.m.. There will be designated spaces in the cafeteria, Quad, Haddix, Student Services and west gym before school. These spaces will be monitored so students will stay socially distanced. Once those spaces are at capacity, students will be instructed to go to their homeroom. After school any student waiting for a ride must go immediately to the cafeteria. Each athletic team will be instructed on where to meet their team. At 3:30 pm, the hallways will be closed, so our maintenance staff can begin to disinfect the classrooms and restrooms. All students should be picked up by 5:30 p.m. unless they are participating in an activity with a faculty moderator.

### **Q: What is the daily schedule for students?**

We will use a modified block schedule. Students will attend four classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will attend all eight classes on Friday. School will start at 7:50 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Late start will be moved to Wednesday and students will start their day at 8:40 a.m.. The new schedule format will be shared with students via email at the beginning of August.

If we must go to an all-virtual environment, we will modify the schedule slightly.

### **Q: Where will the students sit during class and lunch?**

Students will have assigned seating in each class. Lunch spaces will be divided by grade level and will be socially distanced.

### **Q: If students are at home, will teachers be delivering remote learning lessons to them?**

A: Teachers will be teaching students in person and a Zoom link will allow those students who are at home, to participate live via remote access. All zoom classes will be recorded and posted to the CANVAS account of each teacher.

### **Q: Will classes such as art, physical education and music still be taught?**

A: Yes. Any equipment used will be disinfected before the next group uses it. Choir classes will meet in the PAC, so students can have more space to socially distance.

### **Q: Will students' work be graded?**

A: Yes. Student work will be graded.

**Q: Are there any rules about the color or type of mask?**

The mask must cover the nose and mouth and fit firmly on your daughter's face. No inappropriate pictures or logos are allowed on the mask. The Bluetique will be selling them as well.

**Q: How many masks will my daughter need?**

Each student will need six to ten cloth masks. She must wear a clean one each day. All masks must be washed after each wear. I would encourage students to keep an extra mask, in a zip lock baggie, in their backpack as an extra. Students should not share masks or wear the same mask for several days in a row.

**Q: What if I forget my mask?**

A: There will be extra masks in the office for anyone who forgets their mask. If a student forgets or loses more than two masks, a fee of \$2 will be charged.

**Q: Does my school uniform need to be disinfected?**

It is important to keep your uniform clean. Marian girls should get in the habit of washing your uniform on a regular basis.

**Q: What about class supplies?**

Anytime supplies are used, such as Art class and Science labs, students will not share and have their own to use. All materials used in these classes will be sanitized. In the case of PE, all sport equipment will be sanitized after each use.

**Q: How will students move through the hallways safely?**

Students will wear face shields in the hallways for an added layer of protection. There will be assigned staircases for classes to distribute students evenly through the building. Direction signage will guide students in the hallways.

**Q: What happens if a student in a classroom gets COVID-19?**

A: The Douglas County Health Director said the answer will depend on the circumstances. We will share more information in August. These instructions change quite frequently, so we will continue to update families on this information.

**Q: What if a student goes over 10 absences for a class?**

It is expected that students will either be present in the classroom or watching over Zoom. Attendance will be taken for any students on Zoom. We will waive our current 10 absence policy

and work with students and families individually to provide time to make-up work. The counselors will contact those students who go over the 10 absence limit to provide support.

**Q: How will the school handle cleaning?**

A: At the end of each class, every desk will be wiped down. Restrooms and “high-touch areas” like stair rails and door handles will be cleaned hourly. Each evening the entire building will be disinfected using electrostatic sprayers. Please see chart of specific cleaning protocols.

**Q: What about air quality in the classrooms?**

HVAC systems are being checked and tested this summer. Ventilation fans will run throughout the day to increase fresh air pulled into the building.

**Q: If students are in school for only part of the week, how will sports and after-school activities be handled?**

A: Students will practice each day and will follow the guidelines of the NSAA. Coaches will communicate with players about practices and guidelines.

**Q: How will lunch be handled?**

A: We are working on plans to have more lunch spaces available for students to eat. We will limit numbers, so that students are 6 feet apart, since masks will be off while they eat. We will use the quad, cafeteria, west gym and the outdoors for lunch.

**Q: How will attendance be handled if some students are at home?**

A: Attendance will be taken every day in every block for students in the classroom and on Zoom.

**Q: What about students who have an accommodation plan?**

A: Students who have an accommodation plan will continue to work with Mrs. Trecek on a regular basis. All parts of the plan will still be utilized for students.

**Q: Where can students and families get COVID-19 testing done?**

A: Students can be tested through their pediatrician or at clinics throughout the Omaha community. A list of free testing sites is listed on our website. For a complete list of testing sites go to [www.testnebraska.com/en](http://www.testnebraska.com/en)

**Q: Can families opt for a remote learning option instead of sending students back to school?**

A: Yes, a survey will be sent in mid-July asking for information from any family who would like this model due to health conditions. Students are expected to attend all virtual classes and complete homework just as those students who are in the building. This method will be evaluated on a regular basis.

**Q: What about all-school Mass?**

All school Masses will be held once a month, but students will remain in their classroom to watch Mass via Zoom. The Eucharist will not be distributed. We will re-evaluate this format on a regular basis.

**Q: What about retreats?**

Retreats are an integral part of the Marian experience. Some may be rescheduled to the second semester and others will have a change of format. We will update each class when information becomes available.

**Q: How will my daughter know all of this information?**

Homeroom teachers will go over all of this information on the first day of school. We will continue to train students on new safety expectations with frequent reminders!

## Important Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
8-13-20 8:00 a.m. - noonish	First day for all freshman students. Molly Woodman will send out specific details for the first half day.
8-14-20 7:50 – 12:40 pm	First day for all students (half-day) No lunch
8-24-20	Fall sports parent night will be done virtually. Coaches will inform their athletes and parents of this activity.
8-26-20 <b>No early dismissal</b>	We will <b>not</b> have curriculum night for parents this year. There will be information on our website about each class, along with the teacher syllabi.
9-7-20	Labor Day – no school

9-14-20	Faculty/Staff Retreat – no school
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## **What Can You Do?**

- Have your daughter practice wearing her mask for extended periods of time.
- Provide a small bottle of hand-sanitizer for her backpack.
- Donate two containers of Clorox wipes to your daughter's homeroom.
- Donate 2 boxes of Kleenex to your daughter's homeroom.
- Be VIGILANT in checking for symptoms each morning. Do not send your daughter to school if she has ANY symptoms. Err on the side of caution!
- Have a positive attitude that your daughter can see and hear! This too shall pass!
- Our goal is to keep everyone in school, so please follow the guidelines!

## **Committees**

All policies and procedures were put into place with input and feedback from parents, administration and our department chairs. We will continue to update information as it becomes available.