

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

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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 cases in Douglas County are in the orange zone. Students will have 6 feet of distance at all times in every classroom. The schedule will allow for students in the building two days and out of the building two days using a block schedule.

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"> • Everyone in our building is required to wear a mask at all times, except lunch. • 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. • Teachers have the option of requiring students to wear the face shield, in addition to the mask, during their class.
Hand Sanitizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in each classroom • Located at each table in cafeteria • Located in common spaces; Quad, Haddix Academic Center • 70% alcohol gel foam used in the building
Disinfectant wipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in each classroom • Used to wipe down desks at beginning and end of each class period. EPA/CDC compliant products are used.
Disinfectant spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used on individual desks each evening. EPA/CDC compliant products are used.
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered passing periods to limit number of students in hallways. • Assigned stairwells, to avoid overcrowding on stairways. • Students will wear face shields during passing periods.
Building Cleaning Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entire building will be sanitized each evening using electrostatic sprayer. • EPA/CDC compliant products are used.
Restroom Cleaning schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrooms will be cleaned each evening. • Restrooms will be sanitized each hour throughout the school day. • EPA/CDC compliant products are used.
High traffic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stairwells, handrails, doorknobs will be cleaned hourly. • EPA/CDC compliant products are used.
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Pre-screening at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents pre-screen each day using an app. • 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. • A student with any of these symptoms should stay home and contact her doctor for a possible COVID19 test.

Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No usage of drinking fountains.• Students bring water bottles from home.• Refill at water stations in the building.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be 6 feet apart.• Assigned seating at lunch.• Hot lunch program will be available with limited choices.• Students will be divided between cafeteria, west gym, quad, outside.
Positive Cases and response to adult/secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-report and please STAY HOME• Report to local health department – call 402-444-3400• 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.

Important Dates

Date	Event
8-13-20 A - L 8-14-20 M - Z 7:50 – 11:15 am	First day for all freshman students. Molly Woodman will send out specific details for the first half day.
8-17-20 A-L 8-18-20 M-Z 7:50 – 12:20 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 No early dismissal	We will not 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

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 by using the app. 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.