



# Regis High School

Reopening Plan | Fall 2020

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# Our Ignatian Values

- Regis has no higher priority than the health and safety of our community, which includes all students, faculty, and staff.
- We prepare to begin the 2020-2021 school year deeply rooted in our Catholic and Jesuit values; our mission of faith, scholarship, and service; and a tradition of over 100 years of providing an excellent college preparatory education. At the heart of this mission is our focus on *cura personalis*, our Ignatian commitment to care for each student as a unique child of God.
- When we open our doors, we fully expect our community to remain grounded in our values, true to our mission, and ready to meet and overcome any challenges we may face.



# Overview

- Committed to the ideal of *cura personalis*, one of our core values, the health and safety of each member of the Regis community (students, faculty, and staff) is our top priority.
- Our reopening plan embraces a hybrid instructional model of both in-person and remote learning experiences for students.
- Regis High School intends to begin the school year in the remote instruction mode with the hope to begin in a hybrid mode of in-person instruction after the conclusion of the mid-trimester on October 16, 2020.
- In order to help mitigate viral spread, all students, faculty, and staff will be required to perform a health screening each day before their arrival. In addition, Regis will implement physical distancing throughout our building wherever possible and require all students, faculty, and staff to wear face masks at all times, except when eating lunch.



# Overview

- Regis' reopening plan is based on the most recent guidance from the [New York State Department of Health](#) (NYSDOH), the [New York State Education Department](#) (NYSED), the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC), the [New York State Association of Independent Schools](#) (NYSAIS), and the advice of Dr. Anthony Fauci '58.
- If and when conditions change and New York State releases new guidance, and as any further details of our plan become available, Regis will update our plan and communicate revisions to our community.
- No plan or set of safety measures can guarantee absolute prevention of COVID-19 transmission or completely eliminate any risk of contracting the virus. However, we have invested significant resources to create a healthy and safe learning environment, and our plan exceeds the recommendations of New York State. In developing our plan, we have consulted extensively with health specialists who have approved the plan's protocols and practices.





# Overview

- Each August, students and parents/guardians are required to review and acknowledge our Standard Operating Procedures. This year, the handbook will contain a section on expectations of the community during the pandemic. Complying with these expectations will be a requirement for students and adults to be able to come to our building.
- We invite all members of the Regis community to embrace the Ignatian practice of *flexibility* during the course of the school year.



# Academic Program: Remote Instruction

- We will maintain our rotating eight-day schedule and students will attend their regularly scheduled classes beginning with a.m. advisement at 8:30 and ending with p.m. advisement at 3:00.
- There will be a 'non-class' day approximately every other week, occasionally more frequently, while we are remote. The calendar will be adjusted through October 16.
- Classes will run for one mod less than the published time to provide a break between classes.
- All assemblies, extracurricular activities, and Masses will take place via Zoom.



# Academic Program: Hybrid Instruction

- We will maintain our rotating eight-day schedule. Students will attend their regularly scheduled classes beginning with a.m. advisement at 8:30 and ending with p.m. advisement at 3:00.
- Students will be in the building for in-person instruction for one week and then remote the following week. Freshmen and Juniors will begin Week 1 with in-person classes while Sophomores and Seniors complete classes remotely. In Week 2, Sophomores and Seniors will be in-person while freshmen and juniors are remote. Any language classes with mixed grade levels will be held in-person and on Zoom for all to attend.
- To aid in distancing requirements, advisements will stay in one classroom for the majority of the day with teachers moving. Seniors will be the exception to this as classes are not based on advisements. Larger rooms will be utilized to accommodate senior classes (auditorium, cafeteria, 203, 411, 503, 502, 514, 515).
- When attending in-person classes, students will be able to leave after their last class.



# Each Morning

- Daily health screenings will be crucial information for the school in monitoring the health and safety of all our entire community, be they teachers or students. The school will be using the Ruvna Health app for daily in-home pre-screening, completed by a parent or guardian, that will give guidance on whether the student is cleared to attend classes in the building. Additionally, the school nurse as well as the staff from the Student Life Office will be at entrances to validate pre-screen results and perform temperature checks.
- Freshmen and Sophomores are to use the 85th Street entrance. Juniors and Seniors are to use the 84th Street entrance.





# Visitors

- In an effort to maintain the health and safety of our community, the presence of visitors and guests in the building will be significantly limited, and in general, only faculty, staff, and students will be permitted to enter the building. All faculty and staff will be asked to conduct meetings (including those with parents) through video conference.
- Visitors will be limited to only those who must enter the building to perform an in-person task, such as maintenance vendors, who will be required to complete a health screening protocol with a temperature check and wear an appropriate face covering.
- All other visitors must be pre-approved by the President, Principal, or Vice President for Operations.



# Health and Safety

- All faculty, staff, and students will be required to wear a face mask or acceptable covering during their entire time in the building, unless eating or drinking. While all are expected to bring their own masks, the school will also provide masks for anyone who needs one.
- In order to ensure proper social distancing, everyone will be required to keep physically distant (6 feet) from each other at all times. In addition, when movement in hallways and staircases is necessary, students will be encouraged to move in single file, “keeping right” at all times for uniform flow of foot traffic.
- The school will perform thorough cleaning and sanitizing daily and will schedule routine thorough cleaning of high touch surfaces such as bathrooms, handrails, and door knobs. All procedures and cleaning products will meet CDC standards and guidelines.
- Students and faculty will be encouraged to wipe down desk surfaces before classes, using disinfecting cleaning wipes that will be supplied in every classroom.



# Health and Safety

- Cleaning staff will be equipped with electrostatic sprayers for comprehensive disinfection of building spaces between school days.
- Bathrooms will operate at 50% capacity, with every other stall/urinal remaining closed.
- Hand sanitizers will be made available in centralized, easily accessible locations throughout the building. Further, all faculty, staff and students will be encouraged to carry a personal bottle of sanitizer.
- Classrooms will be reconfigured to ensure proper physical distancing between all persons.
- All classrooms have operable windows to allow for fresh air ventilation. In addition, the few spaces which are served by ducted air conditioning systems have been cleaned and had new filters installed.



# Health and Safety

- The Student Life Office will be expanded to a Medical Suite that makes use of the Small Conference Room. This space will be used as an isolation room for those presenting any flu like or COVID-19 symptoms. Procedures for notifying parents and treating suspected cases will be shared prior to the start of school.
- Should a student test positive for COVID-19 or be asked to self-quarantine, the school will follow the prescribed protocol from the CDC and the Department of Health. The school nurse and the Student Life Office will ensure that proper reporting to the community and contact tracing occur, and they will approve his return to the building at the appropriate time.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after lunch.
- The locker room will be limited strictly for use during one's physical education class. Designated lockers will be available to students only during their physical education period strictly to change clothes.



# Social and Emotional Support

- Throughout the pandemic, the guidance, advisement, and religious formation programs at Regis have continued to support students in understanding and managing their emotions, setting and achieving positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, making responsible decisions, building a community of faith, and partnering to serve our communities. As we face the particular challenges of this new school year, Regis is prepared to continue providing the mental, social, and emotional space for academic learning to occur.
- The Guidance Department has updated our comprehensive developmental school counseling program to offer all students targeted, specific instruction in competencies, strategies, and skills that align with New York State Social and Emotional Learning Benchmarks.





# Social and Emotional Support

- Students will continue to have access to all school and college counselors, the clinical psychologist, the nurse, and the alumnus mentors, and they will continue to meet in groups in counseling classes during both remote and hybrid learning.
- To support the newest and youngest members of our community, additional group guidance meeting time has been programmed into the freshman schedule.
- The school will provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff on how to talk with and support students during and after the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The advisement program will continue to promote meditation and mindfulness opportunities for students so they can continue to deepen their spirituality, increase their resilience, and attain a healthy balance in their lives.



# Social and Emotional Support

- The school will continue to provide resources and referrals to address any mental health, behavioral, and emotional support needs of our students and families.
- The school will continue to work to maintain a safe and inclusive community that is responsive to culture, race, ethnicity, language, and socio-economic status, and is characterized by caring connections, respect, and trust.
- Regis High School will continue to prioritize mental health, well-being, and social emotional learning as essential components of our academic program. This priority will be communicated to staff, students, and parents.



# Food Service

- Regis' in-house food service operations will be suspended while the school is operating in hybrid mode, as will off-campus dining privileges typically afforded to Juniors and Seniors. Students will be encouraged to bring their own lunch from home.
- The cafeteria will be closed for lunch, and students will eat in their designated advisement classroom, where we will be able to maintain 6 feet of separation.



# Transportation and Commuting

- Students and families should be familiar with the [state-issued public transit guidance](#) and continually monitor it for any further requirements on trains, subways, and buses including the wearing of face masks and physical distancing.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival at Regis each morning.



# Student Life

- Participation in Campus Ministry programs, Masses, retreats, Christian Service, and clubs is a vital aspect of a Regis education and the formation of our young men.
- We will continue to offer our students opportunities to participate in prayer and spiritual formation as well as co-curricular programs and activities while ensuring everyone's safety.





# Athletics

- The school will provide more information once the CHSAA finalizes its plans for athletics for the 2020-2021 academic year. Considerations and modifications will be made based on which sports will be allowed to run and which will require an adjusted schedule and procedures for practices and games.
- Physical Education will continue, but only take place outdoors, preferably at Central Park.
- The school recognizes that some clubs may need to be adjusted to allow for proper social distancing. The school will provide guidance for club moderators with regard to any modifications that will be necessary for the club to continue meeting during the school year.



# Important Dates

**Aug. 31 - Sept. 2: New Faculty and Staff Orientation**

**Sept. 8 - Sept. 10: Virtual Freshman Orientation**

**Sept. 9: Virtual Sophomore Orientation**

**Sept. 10: Virtual Junior and Senior Orientations**

**Sept. 11: Virtual Mass of the Holy Spirit**

**Sept. 14: First Trimester Begins Through Remote Instruction**

**Oct. 1: Regis will announce whether we are shifting to a hybrid model on Oct. 19.**

**Oct. 19: Target Date for Potential Switch to Hybrid Model**



# Questions?

Please contact Regis at (212) 288-1100 or  
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