

Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools

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Dear MCES Families,

We pray that you are staying healthy and having a holy Advent season. Please be sure to read through this entire email, as there are many important points and details.

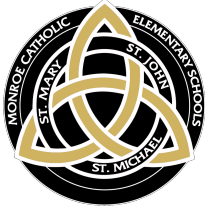
After reviewing the survey results (from approximately 70% of MCES Families) and sharing the data with the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office of Catholic Schools, we plan to return to in-person instruction on Wednesday, December 9th.

Approximately 75% of families selected their preference was returning to in-person instruction, provided all COVID-19 safety protocols were in place. Please be assured that MCES continues to sanitize our schools and follow the protocols, however, this is a partnership. A Catholic school community is just that, a community. We care for each other and look out for one another. **We need our families and students to follow the protocols that are established, namely:**

- Appropriate mask wearing and social distancing. Masks must cover the nose and mouth. If developmentally appropriate, parents will be contacted when a student is not consistently wearing their mask appropriately.
- Filling out the [COVID-19 Monitoring Form](#) **daily for each child**. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, your child should stay home.
- If anyone is exposed to COVID-19 or is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, they must be kept home.
- Observing regulations regarding gatherings and travel.
- Letting MCES know when a student has been exposed to COVID-19 or tests positive.
- **St. Michael Campus Specific:** Because teachers get much closer to your family when dropping off in the morning, parents and children must be wearing masks when the teacher approaches the car to help them out.

Based on the survey results, the number of students that will be learning in our [Flexible Learning Option](#) will be approximately 15%, which still requires our teachers to take part in extra planning and preparation. We ask for your patience and understanding when it comes to the teachers planning, preparation and response time.

We based the enrollment in the FLO program on the December 4th survey. If you did not let us know that your child would be remaining virtual through Christmas Break, **please let us know by filling out the survey by Tuesday, December 8th at 10:00 am: [click here](#)**. As outlined in



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the program details, FLO does not include live instruction, but posted content and videos of instruction on Google Classroom.

Please note: We are fully prepared to return MCES to virtual learning should the situation warrant. From the very start of the school year, our Return to School plan included a contingency for virtual learning should cases rise or should we have a staffing challenge. We firmly believe that the best place for students is in the classroom, however, we are faced with the reality of the pandemic and want you to know that we may have to pivot on a moment's notice.

As the Christmas season approaches, we are asking that you stay mindful of the recommended health and safety protocols related to social distancing and gatherings as you plan your holiday celebrations. We need, now more than ever, to unite as a community and stay safe! We have worked hard this year as a community. Please limit your social gatherings, wear your masks, wash your hands and practice social distancing. Our actions will directly impact our ability to remain with in-person instruction.

We are looking forward to seeing your children when they return to school.

Thank you.

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