



Dear Saint Albert Family,

As a result of COVID-19, Saint Albert is developing a reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Our plan will emphasize resuming school five days a week starting on August 24, while allowing for remote learning when required by proclamations issued by the governor and guidance provided by the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health. This plan will allow for as many traditional activities as possible.

Following communication from the Iowa Department of Education, a team of administrators, teachers, support staff, and School Board members meets regularly to consider challenges for opening in the fall. This team began collecting data, information, and resources to develop recommendations for reopening school.

As of July 1, the team intends that all students return to school in the fall for classes, with health measures in place. Health measures under consideration at this time include:

- staff training on health and safety protocols related to COVID-19 before resuming in-person instruction
- requiring staff to wear face coverings
- emphasizing hand hygiene
- distancing students to the highest degree possible
- highly recommending face covering for students
- schoolwide cleaning and disinfection to prevent the spread of infection
- symptom screenings of staff and students

If you have concerns regarding your student returning to school in August, please contact the building principal, Pat Ryan, at ryanp@saintalbertschools.org, to discuss alternative accommodations.

Additional updates will be sent throughout the upcoming weeks to keep you informed of our reopening plan's progress.

We look forward to serving your students in the upcoming school year.

God's blessing to you and your family!

Deacon Vernon Dobelmann
Executive Director
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