



November 23, 2020

Hello Siena families,

I wanted to share a few additional notes regarding the City of Racine Public Health Department's order to go virtual starting November 30 through January 15. I have received a number of questions in regards to the status of the closure order and the legal filing that challenges this order. It is important that our community knows that we will always follow the law. Any decisions about returning to in-person teaching/learning will be addressed as additional legal decisions are made; these decisions will be made with the health and safety of our students and staff in mind.

I continue to go back to our stated goals from August 2020 before this school year began: "Siena Catholic Schools believes that students learn best in person, in community, with teachers and classmates." This principle continues to guide our decisions as we progress through this pandemic.

1. Regardless of any potential changes to the closure order, for the sake of planning (families and fac/staff), the five schools impacted by the City of Racine Public Health Department's order (JPIIA, OLOGA, SCHS, St. Joe's, St. Lucy's) will be FULLY VIRTUAL the week of November 30 through December 4.
2. Unless the order changes, we will continue to be virtual through January 15.
3. St. Rita will remain open for in-person teaching/learning as they are not under the jurisdiction of the City of Racine Public Health Department.
4. If any changes are made to amend the current health department order, we will give families and schools a *minimum* of two business days to switch back to in-person. Again, any decisions about returning to in-person teaching/learning will be addressed as conditions change and data is available.
5. All schools will continue to have limited office hours. Individual schools will communicate their office hours to families. While school offices will have limited hours, you can expect timely responses from teachers and staff (within 24 hours M-F).
6. Additionally, essential Siena services will remain open. This includes admissions, finance, advancement, Main Street, etc.
7. Foodservice for anyone who needs it will still be available from 12-12:30 *ONLY* at St. Cat's. Families will receive breakfast and lunch.
8. The Siena planning team has worked on learning plans. Your principal and teachers will have additional information to share, but here are the plans for you to view:
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8: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WZBpPig4Bapa\\_gpjHi6ShlShj8FaYID8Hu33MDtI36E/edit?ts=5fb7f0b8](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WZBpPig4Bapa_gpjHi6ShlShj8FaYID8Hu33MDtI36E/edit?ts=5fb7f0b8)
  - o **SCHS:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ufI58toZepgQ6EveQcQIREvnZ-jY73YSV4fLcozjyGM/edit?usp=sharing>
9. The State of Wisconsin has extended the mask mandate through January 4, 2021. It is critical that we do everything in our power now and over the holidays to control the spread of COVID through mindful, limited interactions, wearing masks, social distancing, and washing hands/sanitizing. Please be safe...we want you and your families to remain healthy!





Our community newsletter will be sent shortly. Continue to reach out to your principal with any questions you might have as we prepare for virtual learning!

Blessings in Christ,

*Brenda White*

