

Church of Saint Henry Preparedness Plan for Confirmation Retreat 2020

General Guidelines from the CDC

- + Wash hands often
- + Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- + Stay home when sick
- + Masks: worn properly according to the CDC guidelines (Please review how to properly wear a mask [here](#)). Please also review the [Minnesota Executive Order 20-81](#) noting that some people and circumstances will fall under exemption categories.
- + Stay 6-feet apart whenever possible

Protocol and Procedures for In-Person Confirmation Retreat

- + Restructure retreat schedule to limit the unpredicted, free movement. All activities will be set up as either seated large group social-distance gatherings or small group gatherings within closed “pods”. All activities will be adapted to allow 6-feet social distance. Added to the schedule will be 15-minutes outdoor breaks to allow for students to temporarily remove their masks.
- + We will assign students and leaders to closed small group “pods” of no more than 10 people. Each pod will remain separate from all other pods and will not mix for the entire retreat.
- + Keep room capacity at 50% to allow for distancing.
- + Big Sandy Camp will send out a health survey to be completed 14-days prior to the beginning of the retreat.

Sanitization at Big Sandy Camp

- + Big Sandy Camp staff will clean and sanitize the space before our arrival.
- + Big Sandy Camp staff will clean and sanitize the lobby and communal bathrooms each morning and evening of the retreat.
- + Big Sandy Camp has set up sanitization stations in the cafeteria to wash hands before meals.

Travel

- + Per the [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Overnight Youth Camps](#), and [Archdiocesan Guidelines for Faith Formation Events and Activities \(Children, Youth, and Adult\)](#), bus capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing.
- + We have restructured the retreat schedule to eliminate the need to stop for meals and restroom breaks. We will instead plan to meet and depart from Saint Henry at 4pm on Friday to arrive for a late Friday evening dinner at Big Sandy Camp and then again eat Sunday morning breakfast before departing to arrive back at Saint Henry before 12pm.

Meals & Snacks

- + Instead of a buffet line, meals will be plated and served by Big Sandy Staff.
- + Meals will be eaten within “pods”. Teens cannot visit their friends at other tables.
- + Masks may be temporarily removed when seated for meals and snacks.
- + No homemade food and no communal sharing of food at this time. The Church of Saint Henry will provide store-bought and individually packaged snacks for snack time.

Housing

- + Per the [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Overnight Youth Camps](#), we are limited the number of participants staying in dorms to allow for participants to spread out and have a designated area to keep personal belongings separate from each other. At Big Sandy Camp, we will limit dorms to 3 (instead of 6) participants. We will also limit dorm access to the residents of the dorm only. Teens cannot visit their friends in other dorm rooms.
- + Ideally, participants should maintain 6-foot social distance while in dorms.
- + Masks should not be worn while sleeping or going to sleep.

Volunteers

- + Per the [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Overnight Youth Camps](#), masks may be temporarily removed “when performing or public speaking, or playing an instrument that cannot be played with a face covering”. Any volunteer presenting to the large group on the main stage of the chapel/main space, so long as they are alone on stage and have at least 12-foot social distance from the audience, may temporarily remove their mask to present.

Individuals/Families

- + Good hygiene, especially frequent handwashing is important. Parents, please have your child wash their hands at home before and after arriving for the retreat.
- + We are asking families to take an active role in monitoring their teen’s health. If your teen is sick or has symptoms, or a family member is sick or has symptoms, do not come to the Confirmation Retreat. See [COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs](#). We ask parents to take the temperature of their child before coming to the Confirmation Retreat, to ensure that they do not come with a fever.
- + If any individual were to become ill or experience COVID-19 symptoms while on retreat, that individual will be quarantined and arranged to be sent home. Parents must be prepared to pick up their child as soon as possible if they become ill when on the retreat.
- + If an adult, child or youth experiences symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive following attendance at the Confirmation Retreat please notify Jenna Leighton.