



RELIGIOUS ED AT-A-GLANCE

RELIGIOUS ED/ YOUTH MINISTRY OPTION/ TRACK

TO-DO LIST

COMMENTS

Virtual

All faith formation conducted online and/or at-home through January

- Identify learning platform, meeting platform and communication tools
- Develop a program schedule that accommodates families and catechists
- Review virtual safe environment policies (updated in Planning Framework)
- Acclimate and train catechists and parents in new platforms and expectations

AOC certification not required.

Full guidelines for facilitating virtual programming included in Planning Framework will be available Friday, July 24

Can be reassessed for Winter/Spring 2021 depending on public health situation

Virtual with In-Person Kickoff

A one-time in-person kickoff cohorts to build community and get to know each other may be considered

For In-Person Kickoffs

- Follow current state mandates regarding size of gatherings recognizing guidance is subject to change based on latest data.
- Follow Archdiocesan guidelines for small gatherings which is available [here](#).
- Utilize outdoor space or parish hall (not classrooms or small enclosed spaces) for In-Person Kickoffs
- Consider breaking In-Person Kickoff into 2-3 different meeting times to limit crowds.
- Coordinate scheduling of In-Person Kickoffs with parish staff in an effort to de-densify campus. For example, these meetings should not be held during, or immediately before or after a scheduled Mass.
- If outdoors, attendees should be encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Outside meetings should maintain 15'-20' between groups of people.
- A pre-registration and/or attendance record-keeping process must be in place to support contact tracing efforts, which are vital to reducing the spread of COVID-19.
- Masks must be worn by all attendees and proper social distancing measures observed.
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available for meetings.
- No food or beverages allowed.

AOC certification not required for In-Person Kickoff.

Careful coordination with parish staff required.

PPE and hand sanitizer to be supplied by Religious Education programs.

To the extent any indoor parish facilities are used, Religious Education programs are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting all impacted common areas, restrooms and meeting rooms. Cleaning and Disinfecting guidelines can be located [here](#).

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Modified In-Person or Hybrid

Faith formation and community-building occurs on campus on a limited basis.

- Students can gather on campus one time per month (max) to allow for smaller cohorts and greater social distancing
- Parents can gather one time per month, following guidelines for adult gatherings
- Program hours reduced or additional programming is offered virtually (hybrid approach)

If school/classroom space is not available or safe for use, utilization of parish hall may be considered.

- Meet with pastor and principal to discuss overall plan, RE space requirements and proposed RE calendar.
- RE plan must mirror OCS plan and be in compliance with current state and local guidelines vis a vis class size, social distancing guidelines and mask mandates.
- Create Communication Plan to parents about in-person class or gathering protocols and requirements.
- Create RE Reopening Team
- Confirm Reopening Team and all Catechists/Volunteers have attended AOC safety webinar
- Create Cohort Teams for RE that mirror OCS plan
 - Assign RE cohorts to classrooms
 - Assign cohorts to specific restrooms
- Create Arrival & Dismissal Plans
 - Staggered arrivals/departures to prevent congestion
 - Assign cohorts to specific arrival/departure doors
- Create plan to staff Wellness Check-In (masks/temp check/symptom check/hand sanitizer)
- Create Cleaning & Disinfecting Plan of shared space, including who will handle
 - Classrooms
 - Common areas – hallways, doorknobs
 - Restrooms
- Coordinate and secure the CDC approved PPE and cleaning and disinfecting supplies required for wellness checks, classrooms, etc. since some supplies cannot be shared between school cohort and RE cohort (masks, thermometer, etc.)
- Reopen Team completes certification checklist, signs and submits to AOC for program certification signifying that all COVID-19 protocols and guidelines have been established and are in place.

Religious Ed Certification will take place between the dates on August 17 – September 4.

Full guidelines for facilitating on-site programming included in Planning Framework will be available Friday, July 24

Once certified, RE in-person programs are allowed to start weekend of September 12 – 13.

To the greatest extent possible, in-person classes should be held outside in warmer months.

For reference, the AOC School Reopening Plan can be found [here](#).