

**Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish**  
822 West Homer M. Adams Parkway, Godfrey, Illinois 62035

Acknowledgement of Risk

The safety, security, and well-being of all students, parents, staff, and volunteers at St. Ambrose Catholic Parish (Church and School) is our priority.

With that focus, we have created, accepted, or adopted certain policies, protocols, and procedures (collective “process”) effective for the school year of 2020-2021. This process was inspired and created per guidelines, rules, and/or laws set forth by State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Madison County Health Department. This process strives to promote and establish the safest and healthiest environment as reasonably possible for everyone at St. Ambrose Catholic Parish (Church and School) concerning the current environment and COVID-19 pandemic.

Under this process, we strive to drastically reduce the risks, but there is no way to guarantee the health of all persons at St. Ambrose Catholic School. Unfortunately, viruses and bacteria can and do exist and are present everywhere. When you operate an entity like a school, with large numbers of people in proximity to one another, illnesses are given the opportunity to circulate and infect. By following the process, we will take as many reasonable steps as possible to minimize and mitigate the risks to all individuals, but the risks cannot be fully eliminated or prevented.

The assumption, acknowledgement, and acceptance of the unknown/known risks or exposure to illnesses, bacteria, and viruses, including but not limited to COVID-19 (coronavirus pandemic), is a free, voluntary, and personal choice/decision. Each parent/guardian must consider all risks, factors, and circumstances. Each parent/guardian must consent in writing to the return or resumption of each student to in-person learning. Alternatively, each student has been offered the opportunity, considering the risks and circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic, to enroll and participate in remote/virtual learning provided by St. Ambrose Catholic School.

The undersigned(s) hereby accepts, acknowledges, and understands the following:

1. That St. Ambrose Catholic Parish will make reasonable and diligent efforts to keep my student(s) as safe as reasonably practical or possible;
2. That St. Ambrose Catholic Parish will do everything we can to minimize/mitigate the risks;
3. There are no scientific, medical, educational, or universally accepted methods or procedures at this current time to fully eliminate such risks/exposure for in-person learning; and
4. That by attending in-person learning my student(s) may be exposed to or infected by viruses, bacteria, or other illnesses.

**Each parent/guardian must assume and accept these risks on behalf of the children-students as a free and voluntary act or decision in the best interest of each child-student.**

Therefore, I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian printed name(s)), assume, acknowledge, and accept the risks involved in sending my student(s), \_\_\_\_\_ (list student(s)' name or names), to St. Ambrose Catholic School for in person learning.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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