

Catholic schools around NYC welcome students back with social distancing guidelines

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Catholic schools across New York City have officially opened their doors.

Those schools welcomed students back Wednesday with precautions in place.

The Archdiocese of New York shared a video showing what classes look like at some Catholic schools. The changes include social distancing stickers on the ground and directional stairways.

In classrooms, children and staff will wear masks and be socially distant. The Archdiocese says they will also have sanitizer stations and mandatory temperature checks.

Our Lady of Grace principal Richard Helmrich says he and staff members helped enforce COVID-19 protocols in the Williamsbridge from the start to the end of the day. More than 250 students returned for in-person instruction, and about 75 students will be learning from home.



Parents tell News 12 they feel in-person learning is the most effective.

The Diocese of Brooklyn says it has been working with the city's Department of Education to make sure they have the resources to follow the guidelines. News 12 is told 90% of their schools are offering full-time in-person learning and 10% are offering a hybrid model.

Now for some families who feel more comfortable keeping their children out of the buildings, the Diocese of Brooklyn says it has a fully remote program as well. So far more than 2,400 students have enrolled in it.