



*Beatitudes of Our Lord School*  
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Dear Beatitudes Parents/Guardians,

I continue to be amazed at how resilient the Beatitudes community truly is. On our Monday/Friday morning assemblies along with our Wednesday masses, I am proud to see and hear that the teachings of our faith are still going strong in each and every child. It is because of that faith that our BOLS community will continue to withstand any challenges that may come our way.

Beatitudes continues to monitor the Los Angeles Public Health orders. As mentioned, it is always the intent of our school to reopen for in-person instruction while providing the safest learning environment as possible. As of today, Los Angeles county is in the purple tier (highest tier). When schools are in the purple tier, they are not permitted to return to in-person instruction unless they have been issued a waiver. Recently, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has allowed schools in LA county to apply for that waiver. This waiver only applies to students in grades TK-2 for in-person instruction. In addition, the county will approve schools at a rate of 30 waivers per week. The 30 schools per week will be equally distributed between the five Supervisorial districts. Please bear in mind that Los Angeles county has over 3000 public and private schools. Priority will be given to those schools in low-income areas who qualify for FRPM (Free and Reduced Priced Meals) which Beatitudes does not qualify for. Our school has all the necessary PPE supplies and safety measures in place. Beatitudes will apply for this waiver, but please realize that this will not be a quick process due to the aforementioned stipulations.

While we are awaiting approval, Beatitudes will also apply for a different waiver. LA County Department of Public Health has approved allowing schools to prioritize in-person instruction for students who receive targeted and/or specialized services. This waiver, once approved, will allow Beatitudes to have in-person instruction for our high-need students.

Since publishing our *Beatitudes Starting the School Year Smart* (SSYS dated July 7) guidance, Los Angeles County public health has made numerous changes to the guidelines. The most notable change is the number of students that our school is allowed to accommodate within a classroom. Initially, there were no limits to the number of students in the classroom just as long the desks were at least 4-6 feet apart with partitions, students and teachers wearing masks/shields, and abiding to COVID safety protocols. The guidance has changed to cohorts of only 12 students for in-person instruction. With classes ranging from 20-29 students, Beatitudes will transition to a hybrid schedule and will be dividing the classes into cohorts. The student's teacher/s will remain the same. The following is an example of a schedule:

- Cohort A: in-person instructional days are on Monday and Wednesday; Zoom classes from home are on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Cohort B: in-person instructional days are on Tuesday and Thursday; Zoom classes from home are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Cohort C: Families will have the option to continue 100% virtual learning via Zoom. Students will attend Zoom classes Monday-Friday

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More details to follow once we are approved for the TK-2 waiver and our SSYS Guidance will be adjusted accordingly. We reserve the right to make any changes.

Beatitudes is fully aware of newly published health orders and guidelines. We are making every effort to reopen in-person instructions while not compromising the safety of our students, families, and faculty.

Thank you, as always, for the continued support and understanding during this time. Whether online or in-person, know that Beatitudes School is committed to enrich and provide each child with a faith-filled, safe learning environment.

God Bless,  
Andre Villegas

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