

**RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN  
2021-2022**

**Guidelines for Parents and Students  
In Response to Covid-19**

**These are Revisions to the Existing  
2020-2021**

**Saint Joseph School  
Carteret, NJ**



## **SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL COVID-19 TASK FORCE MEMBERS:**

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### **2021-2022 School Procedures**

At this time, our plan for reopening in September calls for a complete return to in-person teaching and learning. This blueprint, however, may see some changes before the new school year starts or during the school year. There will always be potential circumstances that may alter the plan based on state and CDC guidelines. You should know that we are prepared to respond to the impacts of COVID-19, and you should be too. Our plan will include any new health and safety guidelines that are or will be in effect before or during the school year.

Distancing in the classrooms will be in accordance with the current guidelines but at this time, distancing will not interfere with full in-person teaching and learning.

## **The following protocols will be in effect for the school year:**

- **Face Masks**

Face masks are required by our Governor's Executive Order 251 for all School Faculty, Staff, and students while inside the school buildings. Students and faculty will wear face coverings *indoors* except while eating/drinking or participating in high-intensity physical activity until further notice.

Please note students will have mask breaks throughout the day.

- **Quarantine and Contact Tracing**

Due to the current guidelines and the potential to still contract COVID-19, we will need to continue our quarantining and contact tracing protocols. The current guidelines on quarantining for exposed individuals can be found at

(<https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>).

Unvaccinated persons who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive person are required to quarantine. Close contact is defined as "being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period."

At this time, Saint Joseph School does not require COVID-19 vaccinations for school entry, however, a vaccination status would be relevant should quarantining be necessary.

Exposed close contacts who are fully vaccinated and have no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine but should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure

- **Virtual Learning**

Students are required to be present in school, in-person, everyday (unless ill), with exceptions only for quarantine or extenuating circumstances.

***Students will be eligible to participate in remote learning ONLY for COVID-19 quarantine related cases and extenuating circumstances.***

Any such extenuating circumstances must have prior approval by the Administration and would be for a specific duration of time, meaning students would not be able to move from virtual instruction to in-person instruction on a day-to-day basis or whenever they choose. Such an instance would be if a student broke his/her leg and was not able to attend school in-person for an extended period.

If a student partakes in virtual learning due to factors related to Covid-19 or in cases of extenuating circumstances, students will receive all daily assignments and explanations through Google Classroom. Students will meet with his/her teacher once a day in a one-on-one virtual meeting. All assignments will be time stamped and submitted through Google Classroom at designated daily times.

If an entire class should have to receive virtual instruction, the guidelines set forth in the 2020-2021 School Re-entry plan will concur.

- **Daily Temperature Checks**

Faculty, students, and visitors will have their temperature checked daily upon arrival to school.

- **Drop-off**

The school doors will open for all students at 7:40AM. Students will continue to report directly to their homerooms and need to be seated for attendance by 7:55AM.

Preschool/PreK and Kindergarten door #5 (near the flag pole)

First through Fourth Grade door #7

Fifth through Eighth Grade door #8

- **Dismissal**

We will continue to dismiss students from the 3 locations stated above.

- **Field Trips**

Field Trips will not take place at this time.

- **Lunch**

Students will be having lunch in their classrooms. Parents are to provide lunch and two snacks daily.

- **Recess**

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin a flex club program this year (Details for this will follow.)

During recess, cohorts will not be in effect and students are not required to wear masks while outdoors.

- **Specials**

Students will attend special subject area classrooms. This can change throughout the year depending on the rise in Covid-19 cases.

Sincerely,  
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