

## **Saint Aidan School Health and Safety Protocols Reopening September 2021-Revised 9/6/21**

**ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION:** St. Aidan School will only offer in-person daily instruction. No virtual or hybrid models will be available at this time.

**MASK WEARING:** Masks will be required indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be removed for snack and lunch as necessary. Masks are optional during outdoor activities such as recess and physical education.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** St. Aidan School will provide three feet of distance whenever practical indoors in locations such as classrooms.

**LUNCH AND SNACK:** Nursery and PreK will eat snack and lunch in their classrooms. Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will eat snack outdoors when weather permits and otherwise will use an indoor location or tent during inclement weather. Lunch for K-8 will take place with six feet of distance in our cafeterias. Daily lunch service will be available in the upper school cafeteria. Special hot lunch days will be added to the lower school if possible.

**TRANSPORTATION:** All students riding a school bus to and from St. Aidan School must wear a mask.

**SCREENING:** St. Aidan School will NOT require temperature taking and the use of the daily symptom app for students. Faculty and staff will be required to complete a daily screening.

**CLEANING PROTOCOLS:** The maintenance staff will continue to clean throughout the day, especially heavily used surfaces. A full school disinfection will take place early each morning before the new school day begins to accommodate regular cleaning protocols in the evening by the cleaning service after Faith Formation classes.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Masks will be required while indoors. This includes indoor sports.

**MUSIC:** Singing indoors will require a mask. Band will take place in smaller groups to allow distancing and we will work with Paul Effman Music Service to follow all health and safety guidelines.

**AIR FLOW:** Windows will be open at all times to increase air flow in classrooms and throughout the buildings.

**PACE EVENTS/PARENT EVENINGS:** We are hoping to host as many in-person events as possible. Indoor events will require masks. Further discussion regarding Meet the Teacher Nights will take place prior to the event.

**SYMPTOMATIC AT HOME:** If a student, faculty or staff member is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at HOME and they are absent, they will be required to consult their physician before returning to school. Regardless of vaccination status, students, faculty and staff MUST provide a NEGATIVE PCR COVID-19 test result OR remain excluded from school for a minimum of 10 calendar days from symptom onset. The ONLY exceptions are if a student, faculty or staff member has a PREVIOUSLY DOCUMENTED, pre-existing medical condition (for example: migraines, seasonal allergies) OR there is a laboratory test confirming an acute illness (for example: influenza, strep throat) and COVID-19 is not suspected. In these cases, there would need to be a note indicating such from a physician.

**SYMPTOMATIC IN SCHOOL:** If a student, faculty or staff member is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 in SCHOOL, the parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick up their child/staff will be sent home and consult their physician. Regardless of vaccination status, students, faculty and staff MUST provide a NEGATIVE PCR COVID-19 test result OR remain excluded from school for a minimum of 10 calendar days from symptom onset. The ONLY exceptions are if a student has a PREVIOUSLY DOCUMENTED pre-existing medical condition (for example: migraines, seasonal allergies) OR there is a laboratory test confirming an acute illness (for example: influenza, strep throat) and COVID-19 is not suspected. In these cases, there would need to be a note indicating such from a physician.

**CONTACT TRACING/QUARANTINE POLICY:** St. Aidan School will identify close contacts with the Nassau County Department of Health. Students who are masked and are a potential close contact, will not be asked to quarantine unless symptomatic. If close contact is determined with 15 minutes or more of unmasked

exposure, we will work with the Nassau County Department of Health to determine quarantine procedures.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION:** If a student, faculty or staff is vaccinated against COVID-19, they will not be required to quarantine unless symptomatic. They will be asked monitor symptoms after exposure. Faculty and staff not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, will be required to test weekly.

**CONFIRMED COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS:** Please report all confirmed cases to St. Aidan School Nurse, Mrs. Pisciotto, at [cpisciotto5547@staidanschool.org](mailto:cpisciotto5547@staidanschool.org) or 516-746-6585 ext. 306.

The above information is subject to change. St. Aidan School is in compliance with the NYS Department of Health and NYS Education Department. As always, there will be communication with the entire school community if changes are necessary. The health and safety of ALL is our priority. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a safe and successful school year.

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