



St. Angela Merici
PARISH SCHOOL

Covid-19 Safety Planning 2021-2022

Overview

The St. Angela Merici Parish School Safety Measures plan is informed by the guidance of the CDC, CDPH, CDOE, OCHCA, OCDE, The Diocese of Orange and other independent sources. This plan has been updated to reflect the State of California's COVID-19 Reopening in Person Instruction Framework and Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in the State of California. As required, the school has posted this Health Guidance Plan on the homepage of the St. Angela Merici Parish School website.

Masks

- Masks are optional outdoors
- Students in grades TK through 8th must wear face covering indoors
- Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
- The school will provide a face covering to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school.
- A student is not allowed to attend school, if they are not wearing a mask
- A mask will be provided if a student does not have a face covering
- Adults are required to wear masks when sharing indoor spaces with students
- Guests, visitors, parents who enter the school building are required to wear face coverings

Physical Distancing

Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distance requirements when other mitigation strategies (eg., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance

Ventilation

For indoor spaces, ventilation is optimized by utilizing AirOasis Or iWave Air Purifying Units Mounted In Rooftop HVAC Units installed throughout the campus

- The bi-polar ionization generator designed specifically for treating air in duct HVAC systems. As the air flows past the iWave-R or AirOasis unit, positive and negative ions actively purify the supply air, killing mold, bacteria and viruses in the coil and living space. The ionization process also reduces allergens, smoke and static electricity, as well as controlling odors (cooking, pet, VOCs) and other particles (no more sunbeams) in the air without creating ozone or any harmful byproducts.

Staying home when sick and getting tested

- The school will follow the protocols for staying at home when sick and getting tested for Covid-19
- To ensure the safety of students and staff, when symptoms are consistent with Covid-19, the school will recommend testing for COVID-19
- All employees and students with symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 infection are advised not to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for symptoms:
 - * At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved; or they have a negative test (72 hours after onset of symptoms) for COVID-19 or a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of an underlying condition (allergies, asthma, etc)

Screening testing recommendations:

- CDPH has a State and Federally-funded school testing program and information available to support school decision making, including free testing resources to support screening testing programs
- Resources utilized by the school include: California's Testing Task Force K-12 Schools Testing Program and K-12 school-based COVID-19 testing strategies; The Safe Schools for All state technical assistance (TA) portal; and the CDC k-12 School Guidance screening testing considerations that are specific to the school setting.

Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation

- If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, the school will immediately notify local health officials. These officials will help administrators determine a course of action. The school will work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further the spread of COVID-19.
- An infected employee should consult with their health care provider immediately and follow the directives provided to them by their health care provider. The infected employee should follow CDC recommended steps, and not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.

Quarantine for Vaccinated Close Contacts

- For those who are vaccinated, the school will follow the CDPH Vaccinated People Guidance regarding quarantine.

Quarantine for Unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings, these are adapted from the CDC K-12 Guidance and CDC definition of close contact.

- When both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24- hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified 10-day quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in person instruction if they:
 - Are asymptomatic;
 - Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
 - Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10 day quarantine;and
 - Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school,including sports, and activities within the school community setting

Quarantine Recommendations

- Unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing mask or for who the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described above
 - For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self quarantine under the following conditions:
 - i.Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; Or
 - ii. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative
 - To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - i. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; And
 - ii.Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, handwashing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
 - If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested, and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

Isolation

For both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, the school will follow the CDPH isolation guidelines for those diagnosed with Covid-19

Hand Hygiene

- Six portable handwashing stations will be placed around the campus and frequent handwashing will be mandated and closely monitored by the teachers and staff
- Automatic wall mounted hand sanitizers in every classroom
- The school will teach and reinforce the washing of hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose and mouth, covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff

School Visitors

- The school will limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups and organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated.
- All visitors to campus must be masked, regardless of vaccination status
- The school will continue to emphasize the importance of staying home when sick.

Cleaning

- The school will be cleaned daily
- If the school has a sick person with COVID 19 within the last 24 hours, the school will clean and disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.

Food service recommendations

- The school will maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating (especially outdoors). Using additional spaces for eating and arranging for eating outdoors as much as possible..
- The school will clean frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed and sanitized.

Vaccination verification considerations:

- To inform implementation of prevention strategies that vary by vaccination status (testing, contact tracing efforts, and quarantine and isolation practices), please refer to the CDPH vaccine verification recommendations.

The school will communicate all safety measures in place for the 2021-2022 community.