



## Saints Peter and Paul Back to School Safety Information 2021-2022

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\*\*Recent updates on this document are highlighted in yellow

### LETTER FROM AOP/OCE

[Dr. McLaughlin's letter to parents](#)

### PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Parents screen children for symptoms every morning before school
- Sanitizing stations
- 3 feet physical distancing
- Table dividers in the cafeteria
- Hallway/locker monitoring
- Correct use of masks - see masks explained below.
- Ventilation
- Stay home when symptomatic and testing for COVID-19
- Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Avoid carpooling and large gatherings
- Parents are asked to monitor their children and ensure that they are not taking risks when playing sports, having play dates, etc outside of school
- Wash hands frequently
- Masks are worn by everyone in the building when either mandated or recommended by CSO Playbook and local and state guidance.
- Masks are to cover nose/mouth, not have gaps, and properly fit the individual.
- Mask breaks outside will take place outside: when lessons are outside, at snack time, and recess. Students remain 3 feet apart.

### POSITIVE or NEGATIVE ANTIGEN TEST

- Guidance after a positive or negative antigen test [LINK](#)

## VISITORS and VOLUNTEERS

- On arrival go inside the first set of front doors and wait by the window between both doors. You will receive a visitors pass and sticker.
- When indoors ALL visitors/volunteers are required to wear a properly fitting mask that covers the mouth and nose regardless of vaccinated or unvaccinated. Face shields are not permitted.
- Recess volunteers must keep a 6 ft distance (mask optional) and stay outside the building.
- Lunch volunteers must wear a mask and remain 6 feet from others regardless of vaccinated or unvaccinated.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE A CLOSE CONTACT

Adults socially distance 6 feet  
Students socially distance 3 ft- 6 ft

[LINK to: What is a close contact ?](#)

[LINK Instructions for a Close Contact](#)

The Chester County Health Department, guidance asks for contact tracing to still be required in the event of a positive case, **with the following exceptions:**

1. Students who have been vaccinated for COVID.

**OR**

2. Students PreK - 8 who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if **BOTH the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time** over nose and mouth.

★ ***A student without a mask on or not wearing the mask properly is not considered to be in this group (#2) and will most likely be quarantined.***

**\*\*The exception DOES NOT apply to adults inside the school building. Adults MUST be 6 feet socially distanced from other people.**

**\*Masks** - refers to a well-fitting face mask that covers both nose and mouth. This excludes face shields, eye goggles, gator neck masks, and masks with vents/openings.

## VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE A CLOSE CONTACT

- If you're vaccinated and you've had **close contact** with someone who has COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days after your exposure, even if you don't have symptoms. You are good to come to school. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until your test result is negative.
- Stay home if you have ANY symptoms, isolate, and get tested
- You should isolate and follow guidance from a health care provider if your test result is positive.

## COVID - 19 SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from symptoms (runny nose) to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

[LINK to Symptoms](#) - Do NOT send a child to school if he/she has ANY of these, even mild ones, OR have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19. Please do not medicate your child to alleviate symptoms and then send child to school.

## INSTRUCTIONS for SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS

[LINK to INSTRUCTIONS](#)

## WHILE YOU AWAIT YOUR COVID TEST RESULTS

[LINK to Directions](#)

## QUARANTINE

### Stay Home Quarantine Period

- Watch for fever (100 F), cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, or other symptoms. If you become sick, call a healthcare provider and get tested for COVID - 19.
- A 14- day quarantine offers the most protection from spreading COVID-19. When a 14- day quarantine is not possible there are 2 alternative options.
  - Option #1: no test and no symptoms - quarantine may end after day 10, return to school day 11.
  - Option #2: Negative test result on days 5,6, or 7 - quarantine may end after day 7.
  - For Individuals with ongoing exposure, such as continued household exposure, quarantine does not start until the COVID positive case completes their 10 day isolation period.

Quarantine Guidance Visual - [LINK](#)

Quarantine and Isolation explained - [LINK to VIDEO](#)

## CCHD COVID RESPONSE FLOWCHARTS

- [LINK](#)

## RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Individuals who tested positive for COVID or had symptoms may return to school :
  - After the school nurses have received a copy of a negative covid test on day 8 of quarantine
  - OR
  - The individual has completed the 10-14 day quarantine period

## CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONITORING REPORT

[LINK](#) to 7 Day Transmission Level

## BUSES

- A federal mandate requires masks for everyone on all forms of public transportation. This includes school buses.
- Students on buses MUST remain in their assigned seats for contact tracing.

## ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL CAR LINE

- K-8 arrival is 7:50 am and dismissal is 2:45 pm
- Pre K arrival is 8:30 am and dismissal is 2:25
- Link for detailed maps - [LINK](#)
- ALL students are required to have a mask on before exiting their car

## PARENTS DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP ITEMS FROM SCHOOL

- Ring bell to the right of the front doors
- Enter area between both sets of doors and there is a table to pick up and drop off items.
- All items that are dropped off need to be clearly labeled with the child's first and last name.
- A mask must be worn properly (covering nose/mouth) by all visitors regardless of vaccination status

## LUNCH/RECESS

### Lunch

- PreK eat in the classroom and distance themselves from others.
- Students K through 8 will eat in the cafeteria
- Students sit at assigned lunch tables by homeroom 3 feet apart.
- Protective table shields on tables for each student in the cafeteria
- School staff/volunteers (vaccinated/unvaccinated) will wear a properly fitted mask (covering nose/mouth) at all times.
- Students wear masks in the cafeteria when not eating/drinking
- Sign Up Genius for Volunteers - [Lunch and Recess Sign Up Genius](#)
- Students are required to wear a mask when up and moving in the cafeteria.

### Recess

- Outside recess is mask optional. Students who are unmasked are required to maintain at least a 3-foot distance.
- Masks must be worn after exiting the building and before entering.
- Students are required to remain 3 feet apart at all times on the field and when moving in and out of the building

## VIRTUAL LEARNING (VL) and DISTANCE LEARNING (DL)

- Students who have long-term illnesses (weeks to months at home) or are in quarantine (as stated by a school nurse or physician), will learn at home using virtual learning or distance learning.
  - VL is for grades 1-8
  - DL is for grades Pre K and kindergarten
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  - [LINK to VL/DL Code of Conduct](#)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONWARD: PLAYBOOK GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH CASES or SUSPECTED COVID-19**

- [CSO - Playbook | Archdiocese of Philadelphia](#)

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE: COVID -19 VACCINATION STATUS**

- The information on the Parent Questionnaire assists the school in contact tracing. Please complete and submit before your child returns.
- Contact the nurse's office immediately if there are changes in your child's vaccination status.
- [Link to Parent Questionnaire](#)

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

- [AOP School Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Live Webcam – Lourdes, France](#)
- [Newman Connection](#)

**QUESTIONS**

If a parent has a question, please reach out to the CDC or the AOP Office of Catholic Education (222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215.587.3700)

**COVID 19 GUIDANCE RESOURCES**

- CCHD - [LINK](#)
- Office of Catholic Education [LINK](#)

*Saints Peter and Paul School reserves the right to amend its “Saints Peter and Paul Back to School Safety Information 2021-2022” and apply them as circumstances dictate. Notice of amendments will be highlighted in this document.*

- *Pre K classes follow the same guidance as K-8.*