



School COVID-19 Reopening Plan for 2021-2022

Mask Wearing: As per the NYS Department of Health all adults and children over the age of 2 must wear a mask while indoors on school and parish property. Mask breaks will be given throughout the school day as appropriate. Disposable medical masks, KN95 masks and cloth masks are permitted. Students are not permitted to wear masks that have valves or pull up from the neck. Students may not wear masks with inappropriate images or language. We will have disposable masks available should a child forget to bring or damage their mask in school.



Children will not wear masks while outdoors, eating or napping. While outdoors students will be spaced 6 feet apart.

We request that all adults wear a mask when dropping off or picking up their children from school, since it may be crowded outside.

Health Screening: Every family must complete the daily health screening using the Parent Locker App. Students who do not have a completed health screening will not be permitted to enter their class. We will not be taking temperatures at the door this year.

Stay Home If You Are Sick: *This is the most essential way our families can help keep us all safe and healthy.* Students, teachers, and staff who demonstrate any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and receive clearance from their healthcare provider to return to school. We do not make recommendations regarding COVID testing; that is up to the individual and their healthcare provider. Please call the school office by 8:15am to report the absence.



Social Distancing: Students will be in the classroom with 3 feet of distance between them, as recommended by the CDC. All desks will face in the same direction. For now, students will remain in their homerooms and the teachers will change classrooms. When outdoors, students will maintain six feet of distance. In the Before and After School program, cohorts will remain three feet apart. Two cohorts may share a classroom if the cohorts are seated six feet apart from one another.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette: Students in all grades will be encouraged to do the following:

- Cover coughs and sneezes using the crook of their bent arms.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- When soap is not available, use hand sanitizer to clean hands.



All classrooms are provided with no contact hand sanitizer. Sanitizing stations are in every stairwell.

Ventilation: Windows and doors in all classrooms will be kept open to promote the circulation of air in the room. In addition, each classroom is equipped with an air purifier.



Vaccination: All those eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. For DOE funded programs, all administration, faculty, and staff must be vaccinated or test weekly for COVID-19. See the attached letter from our Superintendent.

Visitors: Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building at this time. Those who provide direct services to our students (SETSS, Speech, Coaching, Occupational Therapists) will be permitted in the building, and must follow all COVID protocols.

Cleaning: The risk of transmission of COVID-19 from surfaces is low. However, we will continue our cleaning routine this year. This includes:

- Cleaning desks and tables prior to and after snack and/or lunch
- Daily cleaning of bathrooms once daily
- Disinfecting and fogging the building each evening



Children Who Show Symptoms During the Day: If your child should show symptoms during the day, they will be moved to the isolation room across from Nurse Lori's office and supervised by Mrs. Kosek. Nurse Lori will call the parent who must come to pick up their child. Upon arrival, the child will be brought to our front door by a faculty or staff member. Clearance from a healthcare provider will be necessary to return to school.

Testing: Testing will only be required if mandated by the city or state government.

Classes That Are Exposed to COVID-19: Unfortunately, we are still waiting for guidance from the NYC Department of Health regarding quarantine and contact tracing. I will update you as soon as that information becomes available. Families will be notified of any case in the school, or of a case in the class.

Remote Learning: In case of the school or a class closing, all students will have access to Google Classroom for their lessons and will have live classes via Zoom. The teacher will share the schedule with parents so accommodations can be made.



Google Classroom

All these guidelines will be reviewed regularly and are subject to change based on the rate of transmission and as city and state guidelines continue to evolve.