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SAS COVID-19 Pandemic Plan

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SAS is committed to providing a quality education for the students whether learning on campus or learning online at home. It is with the understanding schools must be prepared now for seamless transitions from classroom instruction to online home instruction/learning and back to classroom instruction with little preparation and warning. The following campus procedures will be implemented during the pandemic to provide a healthy environment for learning on campus. Recommended guidelines from the Texas Governor, Center for Disease (CDC), Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCB-ED), Diocese of Victoria, Colorado County and City officials will be considered for implementation at SAS. It has been well documented to maintain a healthy environment we are to wash your hands, keep social distance and have a face covering.

Morning Drop-off of Students Between 7:45 and 7:55 After 8:00 Report to the Front Office

ECH students will be dropped off at the cafeteria breezeway drive through line and students in grades 1 – 8 will be dropped off at the Live Oak drive through line.

Morning Screening of Students

It is highly recommended each day parents will take the time to check their children's temperature each morning before coming to school (if greater than 100 please do not send children to school) and be attentive to other COVID-19 symptoms such as coughing, chills, shortness of breath, congestion, runny nose, muscle pains, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell and nausea/vomiting. Students will be screened for temperature before the parents leave and before the students enter the school building. It is recommended in the morning to bring your own children to school. If a student's temperature reads 100 or more he, his siblings and other students in the car will not be able to attend school for the day and will follow the suggested guidelines provided by the Diocese of Victoria.

Returning to School Having Symptoms that Could be COVID-19

In the case of an employee or student who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19 the individual is assumed to have COVID-19. The individual may not return to school until the individual has completed the following three-step criteria also recommended by TEA:

- * At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared
- * At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, which includes resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- * The student has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough shortness of breath)

If the employee or student has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return to school based on an alternative diagnosis.

Returning to School if Diagnosed with COVID-19

In the case of an employee or student who was diagnosed with COVID-19 the individual may return to school when all three of the above criteria are met.

Close Contact with a Person Known to Have COVID-19

Do not allow an employee or student with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to school until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine period from the last day of exposure. Additional SAS option from the CDC added on Monday, December 7 2020: (CDC says based on local circumstances and resources the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives. Quarantine can end after Day 10 if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be 1% with an upper limit of 10%. Additional criteria through Day 14 are to be met, which includes continue symptom monitoring and wearing a mask.)

COVID-19 has Entered the School Building

When a school identifies that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has entered a school building, the following procedures should be observed:

Notify the Office of Catholic Schools: Dr. John Quary

Notify and coordinate with the local health department: Chuck Rogers; the local health department will be abreast of the latest required action steps and guidance for appropriate response to COVID-19.

Be prepared for dismissal of students and staff for 2 - 5 days minimum. The local health department will likely advise an initial short-term dismissal to allow time for tracing and required cleaning. Partial school closures are possible if affected areas are limited and can be closed off. Longer term dismissals may be advised. Extra-curricular activities and events should be cancelled as well in the event of required school dismissals.

Communicate with staff, parents, and students. Communication should be well designed and must maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by ADA and FERPA. Communications should be done in consultation with the Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Communications and should be consistent with your school Crisis Communications Plan. Media inquiries should be routed to the Director of Communications.

Clean and disinfect thoroughly. Areas used by the individual with COVID-19 should be closed off and schools should wait as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection to minimize potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. If possible open outside doors and windows for a period of time and if possible wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfecting. Specific CDC instructions can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2YYd3s4>

Full scale on line learning will be activated

Coordinate with the local health department for active disease surveillance and a safe return to school operations.

Cleaning and Disinfectants

Students and staff will use hand sanitizer upon entry into the school each morning as well as when they are exiting the school to go home in the afternoon. Sanitizing ointments and soap and water will be available for the students to keep hands clean. This will be a main priority throughout the school day. SAS will provide disinfectant wipes for the staff members and students in order to keep their own spaces clean.

Students and staff will sanitize hands during the day as needed especially before and after restroom breaks, lunch, PE and recess. Daily cleaning of student desks, chairs, door knobs,...etc. by students and staff when students leave their classroom and another set of students are coming in to use the same classroom. Diocese of Victoria suggested frequent disinfection of commonly touched surfaces throughout each school day. This includes work areas, counters, restrooms, sink handles, doorknobs, stair railings and other shared areas. SAS staff and students will help clean their areas. This will allow the students to take an active role in keeping our school safe and open for on campus learning.

SAS at the end of each school day, after norm cleaning by the SAS staff of classrooms, restrooms and hallways, will also be using an e-mist sprayer and a disinfectant called “Quats” to help sanitize the school.

Visitors to the Campus

Visitors to the campus such as parents, salesmen and contract workers will be screened for temperature and/or symptoms and will need to wear a mask before entering the school past the security doors.

Wearing Masks

SAS will be in constant contact with the County to determine the community transmission level and the need to wear face covering

Students will be required to wear mask covering their noses and mouths until they reach their homeroom. Once a student reaches his/her homeroom, a mask will not be required if appropriate social distance is maintained. Classroom activities might require masks if requested by the teacher. Once a student leaves his homeroom to go to the restroom, library, office, etc. a mask will be required. If students are traveling to another classroom masks will be required until they reach the other classroom. Once social distance is maintained in the classroom, the students may remove their mask once permission is granted by the teacher. Students may remove mask when outside if permission is granted by the teacher and social distance is observed. Students have the option to wear their mask any time during the day.

Social Distance During the School Day

Students and teachers are expected to maintain social distance throughout the day. Options are being considered to have teachers move from classroom to classroom or stagger grade level dismissals between classes to avoid students gathering in hallways. Visual markers will be in place in the hallway, cafeteria, and gym to remind students to maintain social distance. Teachers will also be considering outside learning activities when instructional opportunities are possible.

Restrooms

Students will be allowed to use the restroom as needed. Once leaving the classroom students will need to clean his hands, wear a mask, maintain social distance and clean hands before leaving the restroom. During the day only one person will be allowed in the restroom unless teachers set a time for a classroom break. Classroom procedures will be in place to wear a mask, maintain social distance and cleaning hands. The staff will provide extra cleaning in the restrooms during the school day.

Computer and Art Classes

Computer and Art classes will be held in the classrooms.

Lunch Time

During lunch time students will eat with the teacher in the classroom, possibly outside or eat in the cafeteria. Students and staff will wear their mask, clean hands upon entering the cafeteria and maintain social distance while in line to get their tray. Students eating in the cafeteria will set at designated areas to maintain social distance.

Library

Students will wear their mask while traveling to and while in the library. Social distance will be maintained with students and staff while using the library. Tables and chairs will be arranged to maintain social distance during library activities. Once students are socially spaced, mask maybe removed when permission is granted by the librarian.

PE Classes

Only one grade level will have PE in the gym and one grade level outside, cafeteria or classroom. Teachers will walk the students to and from PE classes maintaining social distance and wearing their masks until students leave the school building. When students enter the gym or cafeteria mask will be required. Visual markings will be provided to

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maintain social distance. Once social distance is arranged by the PE teacher, mask may be removed to perform the required activity for the day. Students will not dress out in their PE clothes.

Phones

Students phones will not be allowed on campus during regular school hours as long as these COVID -19 guidelines are required and being implemented.

Dismissal Pick-up Students

SAS will use the following dismissal procedures for student pick-up: Once a student leaves his/her room for dismissal a mask needs to be worn.

3K student will be dismissed at 12:00 noon in front of the church office. Parents will park and walk up to the door to pick-up their child.

ECH (4K and 5K) students with no siblings will be picked up at the cafeteria breezeway at 3:15.

ECH and siblings (1 – 8) will be picked up on Wallace Street in front of the cafeteria. These students will sit at assigned family tables and be picked-up at 3:35.

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 (with no ECH or 5 & 6 siblings) will be released from their classroom to be picked-up on Live Oak Street in front of the first grade breakout space at 3:35

Grades 5 and 6 will remain in PE and will be spaced with social distance waiting for other siblings to arrive. These students will be released from the gym and be picked up on Wallace Street at 3:35.

The SAS COVID-19 Plan

This plan will be used to minimize the possibility of a SAS student from testing positive for COVID-19. We will all be at risk and SAS will not be able to guarantee a student, parent or visitor once entering SAS will not attract the COVID-19 virus. Plans will be adjusted as new information is provided to SAS about COVID-19. We will continue to pray together so we will all stay healthy whether from COVID -19 or any other sickness.

This document will change as more information is received. This is only a Draft with input coming from selected staff, the Advisory Council and selected parents. Final plan will be shared with all staff/parents once completed. This will be an

ongoing plan and will be adjusted as information is received. SAS is planning a healthy environment for all stakeholders and is and will be taken very seriously.

As of July 14, 2020