



St. John's Parish Day School 2020-21 Reopening Plan

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This pandemic has created unique and ever evolving issues for everyone. As a school, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and community. Our COVID-19 Task Force continues to monitor and adapt our safety guidelines and protocols with recommendations from multiple sources: Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), state and local agencies offering medical webinars, zoom meetings and informative workshops. Our school has been deep cleaned from top to bottom and it will be thoroughly cleaned before faculty and students return in September. SJPDS is very fortunate to be an intentionally small school with class sizes that will allow us to minimize exposures and “contact trace” our students each day.

Details of Guidelines for Requirements and Adaptations Upon our Return

- We will stagger the reentry of students with a few classes arriving per hallway (to be announced as we move closer to our reentry). Before and After Care will begin in a staggered format, as well.
- Student and faculty hand washing will occur at least hourly throughout the day using soap and water and/or hand sanitizers (**Thankfully, SJPDS has sinks in every classroom!**) All hand sanitizers are over 60% alcohol based.
- All high traffic service areas cleaned hourly throughout the day.
- Classroom layouts will support social distancing. Desks and tables will be spread out and we will utilize outside spaces.
- Masks will be worn by all faculty and staff members; face shields are optional at this time.
- Students will wear masks except for during meals and rests. We encourage you to begin working with your child(ren) to be ready for their school day. St. John's Parish Day School will provide one uniform mask per student. Students can wear masks that fit properly, in any color with simple designs and no messaging.
- In accordance with CDC recommendations, we will conduct health inventories and temperature checks at carline. **Please help everyone in our community by staying home if your child has a fever, cough, complains of a headache, GI issues or sore throat. It will be Mandatory for your family to quarantine if anyone has been exposed to COVID 19.** Please alert our Nurses immediately (410 - 465 - 7644 extension 308, nurse@stjohnspds.org).
- We will be limiting all nonessential visitors to our building. Arrival and departure by carline drop-off and pick-up only to avoid additional exposures. No parents will be allowed in the building or to gather outside in groups. Please respect personal space and distancing for all and stay in your cars.
- No student gatherings in large groups (Chapel, lunch, etc. will occur in the classroom or outside on sunny days). No hot lunches or milk served until further notice.

- We have relocated the Nurses' office to ensure a quarantine room is available and close to the Main Entrance.
- Early Childhood recess will be staggered with one class outside at a time. Lower School recess will consist of two to three classes at a time using the field, church parking lot, or playground, respectively. Equipment will be cleaned in between classes and all classes will have their own recess toys/equipment. Please note: No public and/or after school use of our playground until further notice.
- Primarily, students will not be traveling throughout the building for most special area subjects. With the exception of physical education classes and STEM labs, special area faculty will teach their lessons in the homerooms. On occasion, a class may travel to a specialist room, but they will be the only class to visit that day.
- All typically scheduled field trips will be postponed or canceled for the fall semester. Of course, we will continue to host virtual assemblies and field trips.
- We will monitor absenteeism and request and greatly appreciate the support of families to limit travel at this sensitive time. **Please do your part to avoid large group gatherings and anyone who presents as ill in order to help keep our community healthy.**
- An individual that presents as ill for any reason is isolated in the Nurses' office, with symptomatic individuals separated by at least 6 feet. The area for individuals with symptoms is separate from the general Nurses' office/room. Health staff will wear a face mask, a face shield or other eye protection, and disposable gloves while working with individuals who have a suspected case of SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease.

Response and Management of Case(s) or Probable Cases(s)

If a student or staff is suspected to have the SARS-CoV-2 virus based on any initial or on going screenings or through observations from the staff, or self-reported descriptions, the following protocols are in place (subject to change as guidelines are amended by the state and local Health Departments):

- Ensure a facemask is in place covering appropriately on the individual. The individual is isolated into the school Health Suite, with symptomatic individuals separated by at least 6 feet in the quarantine room. Health staff will wear an N95 respirator or facemask, a face shield or other eye protection, and disposable gloves, while working with individuals who have a suspected case of COVID-19.
- The Nurses will notify parents/guardians immediately, and appropriate healthcare providers in accordance with guidance from the local health officials and CDC.
- Following "universal precautions," the individual's items will be collected in a plastic bag and stored until departure.
- The individual will remain in the Health Suite quarantine room until arrival of parent or guardian. They will be escorted out of the building to parent/guardian.

- **NEW from Maryland Department of Health (MDH)** - If a child or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19 or is a probable case of COVID-19, when may they return to care/work? The child or staff member with confirmed COVID-19 or probable COVID-19 may return to the child care program when he or she has met the CDC criteria for discontinuation of home isolation: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and, at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and/or proof of a negative COVID-19 test and/or written form from a licensed health care professional stating such is provided and they are safe to return to school.

Previous mandate: The individual will be required to undergo 14-days of self-quarantine, until such a point when that time expires and symptoms are not observed/experienced and/or if a negative COVID-19 test and/or written form from a licensed health care professional stating such is provided and they are safe to return to school.

- Administrative officials will carry out “contract tracing” to determine the potential of confirmed case’s contacts with other students and staff members over the previous two or more days. These individuals will follow the procedure as noted above until the Maryland Department of Health can determine if returning to school is permissible. Classroom, school wing or division and/or school closures will be determined by the State and Local Health Department.
- Our facility will be using MERV-11 Grade Filters for our heating and air conditioning systems and they will be replaced every three months as opposed to the recommended six months to one-year timeframe. The large windows in every classroom will be opened on all weather acceptable days.

Be assured we are working hard to manage these new ever-evolving challenges with the health and safety of our community being our primary concern. We will continue to monitor federal, state, and local guidelines and recommendations for managing COVID-19 and update our guidelines accordingly. At this time, we are planning for in-person learning, however we will have to transition to virtual learning if directed to do so by state and local mandates and/or the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland (EDM).

We know that these are stressful and worrisome times and want to assure you that we will be working diligently to ensure the safety of all. Of course, we understand that some families may choose to remain at home for distance learning or take advantage of our hybrid/blended learning option. Please know we will work with you to offer recorded lessons, zooming or live streaming classes and physical packet pick-ups, as needed.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to navigate our anticipated reopening on Tuesday, September 8th. As a community, we are stronger together, even when we are apart!

Resources: CDC, WHO, MDH, AIMS, EDM