

St. Paul's Episcopal School

The health and safety of our students and employees remain our top priorities as we continue our commitment to have a safe and healthy campus in regard to the COVID-19 virus. We are dedicated to providing our top-notch St. Paul's education, while implementing the following protocols and procedures in accordance with the guidance issued from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

This policy is SUBJECT TO CHANGE based on guidelines recommended by the LDH and the LDOE.

Health and Safety

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting:

1. High touch surfaces will be sanitized frequently throughout the day.
2. We will schedule and follow additional procedures for cleaning and disinfection as needed.
3. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout campus.
4. A rolling sprayer for campus and a fogger for each building will be utilized daily and more often if needed. All disinfecting tools will use Disinfectant 32. It is EPA registered and on the approved CDC list.
5. The CASPR system was installed last year in our HVAC system. This system includes an special UV light as an extra layer of protection.

Healthy Personal Hygiene:

1. Until further notice all faculty, staff, students in grades Pre-K and older, parents, and visitors (regardless of vaccination status) will be required to wear masks when indoors. Face shields are not a substitute for a mask.
2. Wearing a mask is optional for students who are in Little Saints 2 and 3.
3. Students/staff will wash or sanitize hands upon arrival to school, before and after: eating, using the restroom, and using shared objects, and again before exiting campus.

Distancing Measures

Students and teachers/ staff will be socially distanced to the maximum extent possible and appropriate to age level according to state and CDC guidelines.

- Students will report directly to classrooms when they arrive at school.
- Cohorts of students will stay together throughout the day, including lunch, recess, dismissal, and After Care.
- Movement throughout the school day will be structured to minimize contact.
- The sharing of electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids shall be avoided when possible and cleaned/disinfected between users.

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BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

Take Temperature: • Families are asked to take temperatures of students daily before leaving for school. If your child has a fever of 100.1 or higher, he/she should stay home. Families are encouraged to monitor students for symptoms which may include but are not limited to fever, cough, congestion, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste/smell, fatigue, headache, nausea/vomiting, and/or diarrhea and seek medical guidance if the child has any symptoms. Students experiencing symptoms should not attend school. The temperature screening at home should take place without the use of fever-reducing medications. If a child needs to be administered fever-reducing medication in the morning prior to school due to a reason such as pain from an injury, teething, dental work or similar, please send an email to the school nurse.

Wash Hands: • Have your child wash his/her hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds prior to arriving at school. If unable to use soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Pack a Mask: • Be sure your child has well-fitting face mask to wear prior to sending him/her to school.

Pack a Water Bottle: • Students must bring a water bottle to refill throughout the day.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Chapel - There will be a rotating schedule for classes to attend chapel in person. Other classes will attend virtually from their classrooms.

Lunch – We are planning that most lunches occur in cohorts in O’Ferrall Hall; however, lunch might occasionally need to be in the classroom. Purchased lunch will still be available through Pigeon Caterers.

Recess – Students will still receive 2 recesses and do not need to wear masks outdoors.

Visitors – Visitors will be limited on campus, but we hope to ease this restriction in certain settings such as outdoor assemblies and some planned activities.

Outside therapists will be allowed.

Snacks/Special Treats – Treats and snacks no longer have to be individually wrapped, however, the server or person handing out snacks must wash hands before doing so and must wear gloves. Hand washing after removing gloves is also necessary.

Exposure to COVID-19

The Head of School and School Nurse will use guidance set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health to determine the appropriate response for quarantine in each individual case. Each situation will be assessed and DOH guidance for in school contact tracing will be followed based on the most current guidance.

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must stay home and isolate for 10 days and the criteria for end of isolation have been fulfilled.