

COVID-19 - Health and Safety Procedures **Updated June 5, 2021**

Health screening and temperature checks for staff and students:

- Revised drop off and pick up protocol, as set out below, and with additional detail to follow
- Faculty and staff will self-assess each morning
- Greeting you at the building entrance where your child's temperature will be taken with contactless thermometer.
- Until further notice, parents will not escort their children into the school buildings (only to the front door)
- Hand sanitizing for all students before entering the building

Strict sanitation and handwashing routines throughout the school:

- Increased daily cleaning and disinfecting with CDC approved methods and cleaners
- Training for custodial staff in advanced cleaning and maintenance procedures
- Three month supply on hand of disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and cleaning products
- Hand washing will be done on arrival, before and after each activity, and as always before and after eating, after using the bathroom, and after going outside
- Scheduled restroom breaks for classes with increased scheduled cleaning by staff

Increased spacing, small groups, assessments and limited mixing between classes:

- More time will be spent outside in both free play and structured learning activities
- Class size is regulated to SAES accreditation standards
- Classrooms to be configured for optimal social distancing.
- Social distancing modeled and continually encouraged
- Students will remain with their class pods
- Individual student assessments will be given to collect beginning of the year data on academic aptitude
- Separate classroom materials for each child
- Enrichments will be scheduled to allow for proper sanitation between classes.
- Lunch periods for individual class pods will be held in the classroom or relocated to other campus areas that allow for proper social distancing
- Class pods and grades will alternate locations daily during recess
- PE will be conducted to allow physical education and exercise, without equipment contamination, etc.
- Early Morning Care and After School Care will be regulated and follow safety protocol.
- Extra-curricular activities will be handled with safety in mind

Face coverings and/or face shields:

- Face coverings are not required but are encouraged for all fully vaccinated staff members.
- Face coverings are not required but are encouraged for all fully vaccinated adult visitors.
- Face coverings are not required but are encouraged for students in Transition through 5th grade.
- St. John's reserves the right to request face coverings during large gatherings.
- At appropriate times for students to see their teacher's face, such as phonics, face shields will be worn by the teacher
- If a child has a medical condition for which a physician indicates it is a health risk for the child to wear a face covering, that child may be allowed an exemption, with possible limitations as to the child's activities, etc.

Limited access to school building by adults:

- SJES remains a closed campus until further notice. Non-staff adults will only be permitted inside the building on an as-needed basis with a health screening and temperature check
- All events, meetings, and conferences will be scheduled with proper social distancing in mind. Masks will be required for non-vaccinated individuals.

Allowance for emergency shutdowns:

- In the event Texas implements a shelter in place requirement, on-line learning will be implemented
- Pre-K through Kindergarten will remain open to on-campus learning at all times allowable for regulated child-care facilities licenses through the Texas Department of Health and Human Services
- When a single class has multiple students infected with the virus, that class will be evaluated giving consideration to the number of students in the class and the size of the classroom to determine whether that class will need to conduct schooling through on-line learning for the following ten (10) days, to allow all students and teachers of that class to self-quarantine, yet have continuity of learning

Children, teachers and staff will be sent home with suspected Covid-19 symptoms:

- A fever greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees
- Any of the following unusual symptoms: loss of taste or smell, cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, headache, chills, sore throat, shaking/excessive shivering, muscle aches and pains, and diarrhea

If a child becomes ill at school, they will be separated and moved to an isolation area and:

- Child's temperature will be taken immediately
- A tent in the Head of School's office will serve as an isolation area
- Parents will be notified and must pick up the child within an hour of the call from school
- Any school area used by that child will be cleaned as quickly as possible