

St. Paul Lutheran School

2021-2022 Safety Plan

Listed below are safety precautions that St. Paul Lutheran School will be taking for the 2021-2022 school year. These plans may change as the safety guidelines surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic evolve. Any such changes would be communicated to the families, students, and staff immediately. St. Paul Lutheran School will follow all guidelines provided by the State of New York, including the directive of whether or not in-person instruction or distance learning will take place.

Masking

- All students must wear a mask while entering the building**
- All students must wear a mask while in the hallways**
- Masks will not be required when proper distance can be maintained (lunchroom, chapel, etc.)**
- Masks will not be required in classrooms**
- Families may request their child continues to wear a mask**
- All visitors must wear a mask when 3 feet of distance cannot be maintained**

Wellness

- Any person with a temperature of 100 F or greater, or if they appear visibly ill, will not be permitted to stay at school. Any person with a temperature of 100 F or greater must stay home until they are free of a fever for 24 hours without medication, received a Negative COVID test result, and/or approved by a health care provider.
- Students and staff will be required to stay home if sick.
- Handwashing will be done upon entering the building as well as at several other times during the day including but not limited to before/after snack, before/after lunch, after using the restroom, etc.
- Drinking fountains will be used only if absolutely necessary. All students will be required to use a personal, refillable water bottle. These water bottles may be refilled at the bottle filling stations.
- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer.
- Gloves will be supplied in every classroom for teacher usage.

Facilities/School Operations

- Building is cleaned and disinfected daily
 - Classrooms and bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected mid-day
 - Classrooms will be ventilated each day
 - Classrooms will be arranged with 3 foot spacing/distancing in mind (ex. Desk arrangements, etc.)
 - Sharing of items will be limited. Those items shared will be disinfected between use.
 - Class birthday treats, or food for school activities needs to be commercially packaged and not homemade
 - Students will need to wear a mask when they enter and exit the building
 - Students will need a mask for when proper distance cannot be maintained (ex. Hallways, etc.). These masks need to be washed/exchanged at least once a week.
 - Proper distance will be maintained during lunch as well as afternoon specials-art, music, and gym class
 - Stairways will be one direction only. The stairway by the entrance will be for down traffic. The stairway outside of Mr. Clark's classroom will be for up traffic. This will eliminate crossing traffic.
 - All bathrooms will be one person use only. During class time, Mr. Clark's class will use the bathrooms upstairs while Mrs. Shetler's class will use the bathrooms downstairs. This will eliminate the possibility of a student from each class using the bathroom at the same time. During lunch, the bathrooms will continue to be single person use only.
 - Proper handwashing, coughing/sneezing etiquette will be instructed to the students by the staff. Signs will also be hung up.
 - During Chapel, students will need to sit in Pews, at least 6 feet apart from each other.
 - All Field Trips are currently postponed
 - Any family not comfortable returning to in-person instruction will be allowed to exchange work for their child each week on the first school day of that week.
 - Any students riding the bus from their home district to school must follow the rules set forth by their home district for riding that bus. This includes, but is not limited to, wearing a mask and maintaining proper distance protocols.
- In the event of exposure or a Positive Test for COVID-19, St. Paul Lutheran School will follow the recommendations of the Health Department for quarantining and return to school.**
- This policy may be re-examined and changes may occur based on the health of the school population or Department of Health requirements.**

In the event a student or staff member tests positive with COVID-19

- Notify families, staff, and local health department while maintaining confidentiality
- Infected person is to follow the recommendations of CDC and local Health Department before returning to school
- School work will be sent home for the student
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place

In the event an immediate family member tests positive with COVID-19

- Family must inform the school office of positive COVID-19 result
- School will notify families, staff, and local health department while maintaining confidentiality on an as needed basis
- Student will need to stay home with family to monitor for symptoms, following CDC's guidance
- School work will be sent home for the student
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place

In the event of a student getting sick during the school day (persistent cough, fever, etc.)

- Student will be removed from class and safely distanced from others
- Temperature will be taken
- Mask will be worn by student while waiting for transportation home
- Student will not be allowed to ride the bus home
- If student is displaying symptoms related to COVID-19, student needs to have a COVID test
- Student may return to school when he/she has a negative COVID test or other acceptable diagnosis from a health care professional
- Cleaning and disinfecting will take place

Given the uncertainty of COVID-19, there is always a chance that the Governor will announce that schools are closed to in-person learning.

In the event of a school closure

-Distance Learning will take place

-Each teacher will conduct a Zoom lesson/YouTube video in the morning with the option for a second lesson or “office hours” via Zoom in the afternoon.

-Distance Learning Binders containing two weeks of work will be distributed at Binder Exchanges in the Parking Lot of the school. Students will work on the work provided and exchange binders every other Monday until in-person school resumes.

-Textbooks will be distributed for student use

-Laptops will be distributed for 5th and 6th grade student’s use

-Communication will take place more frequently through email

-School will be cleaned and disinfected