



Back to School Re-Opening Plan- 3rd Trimester Review March 15, 2021

St. Joseph's School is committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. *As we begin Trimester 3 and approach the months of Spring, based on science and our school experiences, it is time to make some moderate adjustments to our school plan, protocols, and daily practices at our school.*

Morning Arrival

Temperature Checks

- + students . . . discontinue taking student temperatures as they enter the building.
- + adults – teachers, visitors, guests . . . continue taking temperatures.

We have no direct evidence that temperature checks for students is a strategy having a great impact with school. Our school parents are doing a very good job of contacting the school when needing guidance regarding the health of their child(children). Adult supervision will remain at the school doors each morning with a thermometer available in the event it is necessary, as well as having a supply of masks available for students needing a face covering.

Recess - Playground

- + opening up of more playground areas; basketball hoops, swings, play structure, gaga pit.
- + providing opportunity for students in the grade level classes to play together.
- + supervision of students remains the same.
- + expectation for appropriate play and safety remains the same.
- + need for hand washing and hand sanitizing when going to and returning from recess remains the same.

School Lunch

- + begin use of the cafeteria for students to eat lunch on a scheduled basis while maintaining social distancing.
- + return to students eating lunch outside on the school grounds as weather permits.

As we begin Trimester 3 and approach Spring, based on science, recommendations from the CDC and MDH, and our school experiences, the following school guidelines, procedures, and protocols need to continue.

Face Coverings – Masks, Gaiters, Shields

- + Continue expectation of students and adults wearing appropriate face coverings that fit properly while in the school building. Masks and shields are available at school for students and staff when needed.
- + Face coverings do not need to be worn when outside for recess, lunch, PE.
- + Provide face covering breaks for faculty and students during the school day.

Ventilation

- + Classroom ventilation includes open windows (as appropriate with the weather), open doors, use of air purifiers in classrooms, use of ceiling fans in classrooms.

Physical Distancing

- + Maintain physical distancing of students in classrooms and areas of the building during the school day.

Washing Hands / Hand Sanitizer

- + Continue the expectation of students and faculty washing hands during the school day. Hand sanitizer remains available for students and faculty to use during the day.

Cover Coughs / Sneezes

+ Continue to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or sleeves.

Quarantine

+ Continue to follow the CDC and MDH guidelines recommending 14 day quarantine due to COVID exposure and 10 day quarantine after a lab confirmed positive test.

Cleaning

Complete regular cleaning of classrooms, restrooms, and hallways daily.

Travel Guidelines

School families and faculty are to observe the guidelines published by the Minnesota Department of Health(MDH) and take extra precautions while traveling and returning to home and school. While St. Joseph's School does not have a quarantine requirement for travelers, we do ask families and faculty to monitor potential exposures and possible symptoms as they return to in person learning.

COVID Testing

When any member of a household is being tested for COVID-19 due to an exposure, potential exposure, or with COVID symptoms, all family members at home should remain home from school until test results have been received. This simple mitigation greatly decreases any "close contact" exposure that could happen if a positive asymptomatic family member remains at school until those test results are known.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our school Nurse Amy Milosch ammilosch@stjosephwsp.org or Lisa Wrobel liwrobel@stjosephwsp.org.