

# St. John's Lutheran School

## 2021-2022 Re-Entry "Back to the Nest" Plan

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

### Overview:

- On behalf of the St. John's Lutheran Church and School, it is our plan to bring students back to school in a safe environment conducive to learning. **The Re-Entry Plan is a fluid document and changes may occur.**
- We want children to feel safe returning to school. Although there are restrictions, we want children to enjoy learning, being with their friends and meeting their new teachers. St. John's will always be a happy place to learn and grow.
- This guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies to protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including students, teachers, staff, and other members of their households.
- IDOH (Indiana Department of Health), Local LaPorte Health Department, and the CDC recommend **universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status, and layered prevention to remain safe for in-person learning, maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms when masked or 6 feet for when unmasked.**

### Prevention Strategies

- Consistent and correct mask wearing use
- Physical distancing
- Ventilation
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick and getting tested
- Screening testing to promptly identify cases, clusters, and outbreaks
- Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine
- Cleaning and disinfecting

### Attendance and Home Check:

- Parents are required to monitor students for the following symptoms.
  - Fever or chills
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Cough beyond seasonal
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Muscle pain and fatigue
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Students who are ill or experiencing ANY of these symptoms should be kept home. If you have any questions, please call the office.
- If your child has been in contact with someone with COVID -19, contact the school so that the school can monitor all students.

- IDOH, Local LaPorte Health Department, and the CDC Guidelines will be followed for students tested for COVID and not tested for COVID.
- St. John's Lutheran School will continue to collaborate with IDOH and local health departments.

**ENTRY LEVEL PLANS:**

- The IDOE color levels will be followed

	RED	ORANGE/YELLOW	BLUE
	<b>Risk of Covid-19 transmission is HIGH.*</b>	<b>Risk of Covid-19 transmission is MODERATE.*</b>	<b>Risk of Covid-19 transmission is LOW.*</b>
Instructional Model	0-5 days of in-person instruction for all students, with <b>home-based learning if necessary.</b>	1-5 days of in-person instruction for all students, with <b>home-based learning if necessary.</b>	5 days of in-person instruction for all students.
Masks	Masks are required for all students and staff inside the building at all times (except when eating).	Masks are required whenever social distancing cannot be maintained.	Masks are required whenever social distancing cannot be maintained. ** This will be re-evaluated at the end of first quarter and if there is new guidance from the IDOH and Local LaPorte Health Department.**
Social Distancing	Social distancing is enforced to the greatest extent possible.	Social distancing is encouraged whenever possible.	Social distancing is encouraged whenever possible.
Classrooms	Seating charts required in all classrooms. Student seats face in the same direction and are spaced at least 6 feet apart..	Seating charts required in all classrooms. Student seats spaced 3-6 feet apart wherever possible.	Seating charts required in all classrooms. Normal classroom seating arrangements are permitted.
Bus Transportation	Masks required per federal guidelines.	Masks required per federal guidelines.	Masks required per federal guidelines.

Cleaning/ Disinfecting	Cleaning of high touch surfaces conducted frequently throughout the day and in evenings. Disinfecting implemented following any positive case exposures.	Cleaning of high touch surfaces conducted frequently throughout the day and in evenings. Disinfecting implemented following any positive case exposures.	Cleaning of high touch surfaces conducted frequently throughout the day and in evenings. Disinfecting implemented following any positive case exposures.
Visitors	Only essential visitors will be admitted to the building. All visitors will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms.	Visitors will be limited to the office area unless approved for educational purposes. All visitors will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms.	Normal visitor procedures. All visitors will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms.
Large Group Settings	Large group meetings/assemblies not permitted.	Large group meetings/assemblies allowed only if students can be seated 3 feet apart	Large group meetings/assemblies permitted. Students will be spaced apart if possible.

**\*Risk of transmission will be determined by Indiana State Department of Health’s Advisory Levels, in collaboration with local health officials, and will take into account active school cases as well as close contact quarantine cases.**

**Student Arrival:**

- Bus transportation will be provided through LaPorte Community School Corporation.
- School doors Number 1 will open at 7:40 a.m. for Kindergarten through 8th grade students. At this time students may be released from parents and go directly to their classrooms.
- Parents may walk students to the main front doors at morning arrival time. Parents will not escort students to the classrooms.
- Preschool, Pre-K, and morning Eagle Care will enter through Door 2. Students will be signed in at the door.

**Face Masks:**

- Acceptable Face Mask Dress Code: Solid color, patterned or may have St. John’s logo. No masks with pictures or words are allowed.
- If students are required to wear (or refrain from wearing) a mask for medical reasons, medical documentation must be provided so that a plan may be written through the school yearly for teachers to enforce. This plan will be done through an ISP, 504, or Medical Plan.
- Lunch: Remain 6 feet apart from others as masks will be off when eating
- Masks are not required outdoors
  - CONSIDER masking outdoors if:
    - You are at risk for illness
    - You are in a crowded environment and unable to physically distance
    - You feel more comfortable wearing a mask

### **Water Bottles:**

- Students must bring their own water bottles. Water fountains are only available to refill bottles.
- Refillable water bottles must be clear or translucent.
- Bottles must go home daily and be properly washed.
- Disposable water bottles must be disposed of at the end of each day.

**Snacks:** In addition to following the guidelines in the school's Wellness Policy, snacks and birthday treats should be prepackaged and preferably individually wrapped. The teacher will distribute treats.

**Music/Choir/Chapel** - Students will face one direction and be spaced out to meet social distancing guidelines.

- Choir and Chapel will be held in the church on Wednesdays.
- Music will be in the basement, classrooms, or outside (weather permitting) every other week.

### **Hallway Traffic:**

- There will be socially distanced markings in the certain areas of the hallways and cafeteria.

### **Lunch:**

- Lunch will be in the cafeteria for grades K-8. Students will be socially distanced.
- Preschool and PreK will use the Music Room for lunch.
- No food sharing is allowed.
- Students will eat lunch at an assigned seat in the cafeteria while following social distancing guidelines.

### **Chapel:**

- Chapel will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 8:10 a.m. in the church. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Visitors to Chapel are encouraged WHEN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION RISK IS LOW (BLUE).

### **School Visitors:**

- To reduce the number of visitors in the school, we ask that you contact the school for an appointment.
- A dropbox is available by the parking lot outside Door 2.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities:**

- After School Group Leaders
  - Will complete a cleaning checklist provided by the office for lounge, cafeteria, gym, restrooms, etc.
  - Be responsible to implement the School Re-Entry Plan.
  - Log attendance
- Spectators at extracurricular events may be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing in accordance with transmission risk levels above.
- Commonly used equipment/materials will be wiped down regularly.

### **Athletics:**

- St. John's is planning on having sports after school.
- The opposing teams will come dressed ready to play, as locker rooms will not be shared.
- Fans at athletic events may be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing in accordance with transmission risk levels above.

- Commonly used equipment (ex. game balls) will be wiped down during time outs and between matches.

### **Student Dismissal:**

- Dismissal times:
  - 2:10 Bus students (Masks Required)
  - 2:20 Preschool, Door 3
  - 2:25 Grades K-8, Door 2

\*\* A staggered dismissal may be reimplemented if necessary in the future.

### **Eagle Care:**

- Eagle Care will continue before and after school for Preschool to eighth grade.
- Hours: Opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.
- Areas that will be used for Eagle Care include the Preschool classrooms, Music Room, and Gym in order to keep supervised groups small.
- More information on Eagle Care can be found in the Student Parent Handbook.

### **What if my child gets sick at school?**

- Students exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will be moved to the Office.
- Parents will be contacted and will need to immediately pick up their child.

### **When a student is absent:**

- Contact the school office for schoolwork to be picked up after school hours.
- In case of extended absences, please contact the school office. Situations will be dealt with individually.

### **Returning to School After Illness:**

- If a student or employee has tested positive or been identified as a direct contact with COVID-19, the Health Department and/or Indiana Back to School helpline will be contacted for further guidance.
- Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the [Indiana Department of Health](#)

### **What if St. John's has a case of COVID-19?**

- The Health Department will be contacted for further guidance.
- If your student or someone in your household may have been exposed to COVID-19, follow the [Indiana Department of Health's guidelines for self-quarantine](#). Please contact the school immediately.

***As mentioned earlier, this is a fluid document. Please ask questions, share concerns, etc.***

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