

Reopening Plan 2020-2021

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Dear St. Pius X School Community,

I pray that you all are safe and healthy during this time. Thank you for your patience this summer as we prepared plans for reopening. We will be returning to school for fully-in-person instruction. Our plan for reopening school is built upon our mission statement, "At St. Pius X School, we aim to inspire, motivate, and empower our school community through our faith, family, stewardship, and academic excellence."

This document is a collection of guidelines developed by the CDC, the California Department of Education, the California Department of Public Health, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Department of Catholic Schools, and staff input. The measures we are taking mitigate, not eliminate, the virus spread. Given the continued uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the fluidity of continued modifications and restrictions, we ask that you are flexible and adapt to any changing conditions. Our plans are subject to change based on future conditions and/or recommendations/requirements put in place by state and local health agencies and in consultation and approval from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Department of Catholic Schools.

Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. We look forward to seeing all of our students in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heather Haigh
Principal

Overview

Saint Pius X Parish School is scheduled to reopen with an in-school instruction model on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 for grades preschool through 8th grade. Additionally, extended childcare is also scheduled to commence concurrently. Plans for the reopening of the 2020-2021 academic are outlined below. This plan provides an overview of the health and safety measures that all staff will adhere to, during school hours, in an effort to uphold the utmost safety precautions of all its students and staff.

The aforementioned plans will be in effect beginning July 14, 2020. Moreover, please be advised, such plans are subject to change, as deemed both necessary and appropriate. Any and all amendments to the operational plans and/or policies will be communicated to all school families accordingly.

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I. General Measures:

The following provides a detailed list of changes that will be implemented to improve the overall safety and well being of St. Plus X students and staff.

- Access to school building and campus will be limited to students, staff, and/or authorized guests and volunteers (NO exceptions)
- All visitors are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing when on campus
- Minimal shared objects and materials (only when deemed necessary)
- Students' approved classroom supplies must remain in classrooms
- Prohibit use of drinking fountains
- Encourage students to bring water in reusable bottles/thermos
- Water bottles will be sent home daily, to be properly cleaned
- Classroom doors and windows will remain open as much as possible to ensure ample ventilation
- All off campus field trips and/or travel are prohibited until further notice
- All safety guidelines for food packaging and distribution will be upheld by El Camino Restaurant
- Protocols for arrival and end of the day dismissal

II. Promoting a Healthy School Environment:

A. Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting Measures: our faculty will implement all-new cleaning protocols on a daily basis.

- Routine cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces within the school grounds, daily
- Cleaning regimen to use EPA approved cleaning and disinfecting products and equipment for use against viral pathogens including COVID-19

B. Health and Safety

- Parents and/or guardians are expected to monitor and assess students' health before leaving for school. Students should remain home if any of the following symptoms are displayed: a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, congestion (not caused by allergies), cough, sore throat, nausea, stomach ache, ear ache; symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and/or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Students and staff temperature will be taken daily upon arrival and prior to entry of the school grounds. To do this, No Touch thermometers will be used to ensure temperatures are below 100 degrees.
- Students and staff with prior symptoms will not be allowed to return to school until he or she remains symptom(s) free and without the need for medication for a minimum of 24 consistent hours.
- Temperature check guidelines will also apply to any and all visitors. No exceptions.
- In the event that any school community stakeholder(s) including staff, students, parents, and/or guardians are believed to have been exposed and/or has tested positive with COVID-19 it is the responsibility and expectation this information will be communicated to the school principal, immediately. Please note, confidentiality will be upheld at all times.

C. Healthy Practices

- Daily routine of students will include regular hand washing and hand sanitizing as deemed necessary and appropriate.
- Best hygiene techniques will be encouraged throughout the day to include handwashing techniques, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be accessible to students and staff in every classroom and throughout the school building

D. Protective Equipment

- Students are encouraged (but not required) to wear face coverings. Face coverings are helpful when physical distancing is not feasible.
- All staff are required to wear face coverings and/or face shields when on site and in the presence of other staff, students, parents or volunteers. The only exception to this guideline will be for those who have provided the school with appropriate medical documentation.
- School guests and/or visitors who enter the school are required to wear a face covering, at all times.
- Families are asked to ensure any and all masks worn are clean, routinely.

E. Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing will be enforced appropriately both inside and outside the classroom as well as the front office
- Desks will be arranged in a manner to maximize distance between students (up to 6 feet, when possible).
- Temporary suspension of playground use
- Limiting direct contact during drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Two entry points will be designated for students to enter the school
- End of the day dismissal:
 - Student walkers will still be able to walk
 - Parents and/or visitors will not be allowed access in the courtyard for pick-up.
 - Carpool pick-up will take place alongside the sidewalk of the school building.
 - Parents and/or visitors picking up students must remain in their cars, at all times.

- Dismissal times:
 - Monday - Thursday dismissal will begin at 2:45 pm
 - Friday dismissal will begin at 12:15 pm
- Daycare will begin at 3:15 pm in which students will be escorted directly by staff to the hall and/or designated area(s).

III. Academics:

A. Classrooms

- Preschool, TK through 4th grade: Self- Contained Classrooms
 - Students will remain with their classroom teacher(s) in a self contained classroom, daily.
 - Students will remain with their assigned cohort (class) during recess and lunch time, and will be assigned designated areas.
 - Preschool parents are required to sign-in and sign-out their child with the teacher in the designated area.
- Grades 5 - 8: Departmentalized Classrooms
 - Students will not transition to other classrooms throughout the day and will remain in their homeroom.
 - Students will remain with their assigned cohort (class) during recess and lunch time, and will be assigned designated areas.

IV. Continuity of Education:

A. Absence Due to Illness Distance Learning

In the event, a student becomes ill, St. Pius X Parish School remains committed to the academic achievement of all its students. Student(s) who remain home due to illness and/or quarantine will be able to access daily lessons, assignments, hand-outs, and resources via Google Classroom, in the event they are able to. As always,

communication between families and students is highly encouraged via email, Google Classroom and Class Dojo.

B. School Closure - Distance Learning

In the event the stay-at-home order is reinstated and guidelines warrant a transition to a distance learning model, such learning will occur both asynchronously (recorded) and synchronously (live)*.

*Asynchronous learning is when instruction and learning do not happen at the same time for all students. As a result, the teacher provides instruction (pre-recorded videos), resources and assignments via Google Classroom. In this manner, students will have access to learning at a time that works best for them and their families. Synchronous learning is a learning style where students and teachers are engaged online and learning at the same time. This occurs when the teacher is teaching live via Google Meets. Expectations will be clearly defined for students, parents, and teachers.

In the event of plans for a transition to distance learning, St. Pius X families will be notified immediately.

V. Communication:

- St. Pius X Parish School will prioritize the use of email(s) to inform families about any and all time sensitive COVID-19 information as well as other relevant information pertinent to the school. Additionally, Class Dojo may also serve as another platform to communicate with families. For this reason, parents and families are encouraged to check their emails, daily.