

# **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 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, and the Los Angeles County Public Health Department.

Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. We look forward to our reopening for students in transitional kindergarten through second grade on December 4, 2020.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Heather Haigh

Principal

# Overview

Saint Pius X Parish School 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 as soon as we return for in person instruction on the school campus. 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 bottle filling station has been installed on the school campus
- 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 required to wear face coverings. Face coverings are helpful when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Students should have a spare face mask at school in a labeled Ziploc bag
- 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).
- Classroom cohorts are 12 students maximum per the Los Angeles Public Health Department guidelines
- Temporary suspension of playground use
- Limiting direct contact during drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Morning drop off:
  - Drop off times: 7:45 am – 8:00 am
  - One entry point will be designated for students to enter the school
  - Outside along the sidewalk, on the school blacktop area
  - Parents/Guardians may drive up along the curb or walk their child to the designated screening area
  - Parents/Guardians must wait until their child's temperature is taken before leaving their child at school for the day
  - Students who arrive after 8:05 am will need to be walked to the school

- office for a temperature check and entry to the school
- Students will immediately enter their classroom after having their temperature taken
- End of the day dismissal:
  - 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.
  - Each teacher will be outside with their class during dismissal times
  - Parents and/or visitors picking up students must remain in their cars, at all times.
  - Student walkers will still be able to walk
- Dismissal times:
  - Monday - Thursday dismissal time: 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm
  - Friday dismissal will begin at 12:00 pm – 12:15 pm
  - At this time there will be no after school daycare available

### ***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.
- Distance Learning will still be available to those who choose to keep their children at home during this time.

### ***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.



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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Date: October 8, 2020

Re: Elementary School Waiver for St. Pius X

To Whom It May Concern:

As Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I am writing to support the elementary school waiver for St. Pius X for a return to safe, modified in-person instruction for students. The school has met all of the required public health modifications, acquired Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), consulted with staff and parents, and represented their ability to safely return through their reopening plan.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at: [pescala@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:pescala@la-archdiocese.org)

Sincerely,

Paul M. Escala



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Rev. Artur Gruszka, Pastor

October 6, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I, Fr. Artur Gruska, Pastor at St. Pius X Parish located in Santa Fe Springs, am in full support of the students from TK-2nd grade at St. Pius X Parish School returning for in-person instruction. I trust and feel confident in the principal, faculty and staff in following all CDC and Los Angeles Public Health COVID-19 Guidelines, as well as the school's reopening plan. It is in my highest hopes that students will be able to return for in-person instruction with acceptance of the Los Angeles County waiver.

Sincerely in Christ,





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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned employees at St. Pius X Parish School support the approval of a waiver to allow return of students in grades kindergarten through grade 2 to the school for in-person learning.

School administration has consulted with us regarding the measures taken to minimize the risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 and to provide a safe environment for all students and staff on campus. We are confident in the school's ability to comply with all requirements in Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools.

Of the 15 faculty and staff employed at St. Pius X Parish School, 15 have signed below to register our support.

Signed,

Heather Haigh  
Principal

Kristin Muniz  
Preschool Director

Karen Contreras  
Preschool Teacher

Stefanie Rodriguez  
Second Grade Teacher

Patricia Terrones  
Transitional Kindergarten Teacher

Tanya Schombor  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Early Childhood Director

Yadira Pena  
First Grade Teacher

Sarah Yanez  
Third Grade Teacher



Jessenia Gomez

Fourth Grade Teacher



Samantha Kaufman

Assistant Principal of Discipline

Sixth Grade Homeroom Teacher

Junior High Math Teacher



Cynthia Herrera

Assistant Principal

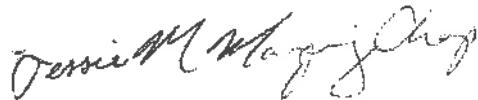
Eighth Grade Homeroom Teacher

Junior High ELA Teacher



Jeanette Carmiol

School Receptionist



Jessie Chapman

Fifth Grade Homeroom Teacher

Junior High Science Teacher



Jane Ross

Seventh Grade Homeroom

Junior High Social Studies Teacher



Belinda Hall

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