

St. Pius X Parish School

2021-2022

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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 opening for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 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 seeing all of our students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade on August 24, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Haigh".

Mrs. Heather Haigh

Principal

Overview

Saint Pius X Parish School plans for the upcoming 2021-2022 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. Pius X students and staff.

- All visitors are required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing when on campus.
- Visitors must enter through the school office
- 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

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
 - School restrooms are cleaned multiplied times per day.
 - Students' desk surfaces are disinfected throughout the school day.
- Additional deep cleaning and disinfecting of all classrooms, restrooms, and school buildings taking place when students are not on campus (once a week, either in the evening or during the weekend).
- 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, stomachache, headache, earache, loss of taste and/or smell; symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and/or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- 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.
- **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 via email at principal@spxraiders.com or by phoning the school office. Please note, confidentiality will be upheld at all times.**
- CCD – Parish Groups are not using the school campus for classes, as they are conducting their CCD classes via Zoom.

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 buildings

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 when on site indoors 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.
- Face coverings are optional outdoors at recess, lunch, and during Physical Education class.
- School guests and/or visitors who enter the school are required to wear a face covering, at all times. Entry through the school office only.
- Families are asked to ensure any and all masks worn are cleaned routinely.

E. Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing will be enforced appropriately both inside and outside the classroom as well as the front office.
- Each class has their own designated area where the students eat their lunch outdoors daily.
- Dismissal times:
 - Monday - Thursday dismissal time: 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
 - Friday dismissal will begin at 12:00 pm – 12:15 pm
 - Morning and afternoon daycare available
 - Morning daycare: 7 am – 7:30 am
 - Afternoon daycare available until 6 pm, exceptions: some school holidays

III. 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. As always, communication between families and school staff is highly encouraged via email, 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.

IV. 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.

V. Health & Safety – Screening, Exposure

Management & COVID-19 Reporting:

- 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.**
- If a staff member and/or a student is positive for COVID-19 those individuals who were within close contact of the individual will be notified immediately.
- Please note, confidentiality will be upheld at all times.

VI. Decision Pathways:

For students with **Symptoms:**

- At-home screening identifies student or staff with 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19, the individual is not allowed to come onto campus.
- Screening identifies student or staff with 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19, the individual will be sent home.
- Parent/guardian is instructed to consult Medical Provider for further evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.
 - Medical Provider confirms that child **does not** have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, then child stays home per medical provider guidance.
- Medical provider is not consulted, or medical provider confirms child has

symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

- Child takes a COVID-19 lab test
- Child has **negative COVID-19** molecular test – child stays home until fever free, without fever reducing medication for 24 hours and improved symptoms.
- Child has positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test – Child follows Home Isolation Guidance.
- Child is not tested for COVID-19, child follows Home Isolation Guidance.
- Home Isolation Guidance:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidisolation/>

For students who may have been **exposed**:

- If the student has been potentially exposed to an individual who is positive for COVID-19 but did not make close contact with this individual, the student must take a COVID-19 test.
 - If the COVID-19 lab test is negative and the student has no symptoms the student may return to school without quarantining.
- If the student has been in close contact with an individual who has symptoms of COVID-19 or is positive for COVID-19 the student must isolate and quarantine, following the Home Isolation Guidance.
 - **“Close Contact through Proximity and Duration of Exposure:** Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, *three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes*). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive

specimen collection date).”

- **“Exception:** In the **K–12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.”

- St. Pius X School’s COVID-19 Response Team will be alerted of all situations and assess, based on the Los Angeles County of Public Health’s Decision Pathways.

- The Department of Catholic Schools and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is notified immediately of a positive COVID-19 case for a staff member and/or student.

For any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher and/or our school office via email or phone.

- **Additional Resources from the Los Angeles Public Health Department -**
 - Decision Pathways:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/education/ScreeningEducationSettings.pdf>
 - Exposure Management:
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protocols/ExposureManagementPlan_K12Schools.pdf
 - Los Angeles County of Public Health K-12 Schools Plan and Protocols: :
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/reopening_K12schools.pdf
 - Home Isolation Guidance:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidisolation/>