St. Nicholas' Covid Action Plan



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Exposure Risk in the 2020–2021 School Year • Members of the staff and student body may be exposed to the virus both on and off campus

• While we will take precautions and ensure high standards for hygiene short of total isolation there will be inherent risk

• We encourage everyone to practice safety at home to reduce the risk of exposure

Student and Staff Expectations

- Only come to school or bring your child(ren) on campus if you are feeling well
- If you have been exposed to someone that is sick and possibly infected please stay home
- Socially distance 6 feet apart from both students and staff whenever possible
- Face coverings will be required when entering and exiting campus
- Teachers and staff will remind students of importance of safe social distancing
- Teachers and students will use sanitizer prior to entering and exiting classrooms
- During drop-off and pick-up, staff and students will wear masks and ensure proper social distancing
- No hugging, high fives, fist bumps etc.

Student and Staff Expectations (continued)

• Teachers will educate the students about the importance of safety and good hygiene

 Teachers and Staff will be monitoring outside activities to help insure that social distancing and healthy interaction is being observed within the student body

Absences due to sickness

Like any place where many people are gathered the risk of the virus spreading is elevated

- Students and Staff not feeling well, exhibiting cold symptoms, or appearing sick will be sent home
- If students or staff have a fever they must be fever free without medication for 1 full days (24 hours)
- Teachers will continue to post assignments in google classroom so students that are unable to come to campus can still participate and stay up to date on classroom content
- There will be **NO "Perfect Attendance**" awarded at the end of the school year.

Member of staff or student's direct household(s) tests positive

- Parents and staff have an ethical responsibility to inform the school if they have been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid
- Any student with confirmed exposure to Covid will be required to get tested and remain home for a 10 day quarantine period
- A letter will go home to the entire student body indicating the grade level of exposure, but will not mention the student's name or family
- Student will continue to complete and submit work via google classroom. Work will be completed on time provided that the student is not sick
- Following the 10 day quarantine period, the student will need to be retested and may only return upon receiving a negative test result

Student testing positive

In the event of a student testing positive for Covid

- All students and teachers in the classroom will need to be tested
- Classroom will engage in remote distance learning during the 10 day quarantine period
- Teacher will begin remote teaching via google meet. Students will continue to complete and submit work via google classroom. Work will be completed on time provided that the student is not sick.
- Classroom will be subject to a deep cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing procedure
- Prior to returning to campus the affected student must provide documentation of negative test results

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Students

Strategies to minimize exposure to preschool students

- Health and Safety Stations will be set up at the entrance gates of the campus. Three Year Old and Pre-Kindergarten Classes will use the main gate and Toddler and Two Year Old Classes will use the lower gate.
- Keep your children home if they are sick.
- Teachers/Staff will make visual inspections of the children for signs of illness and will be taking temperatures. If a child has a temperature of 99.5 (taken with a non contact forehead thermometer) or higher or appears sick, they will not be allowed to stay at school. Parents will be expected to take their child home and monitor them for symptoms. Children will not be allowed to return until they are fever free (without fever-reducing medication) for 72 hours.
- Parents will not be allowed in the classrooms. Parents will wear a mask and will sign-in and sign-out their children at the Health and Safety Stations. Staff will be taking the children to and from their classrooms.

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Students (continued)

Strategies to minimize exposure to preschool students

- The Preschool will be offering a five day program and will be limiting each room to 12 students thus limiting the mixing of children.
- It is the discretion of the parent if they want their child to wear a mask.
- Teachers will have students wash their hands and use hand sanitizer prior to entering and exiting the classrooms, as well as throughout the day.
- Social distancing will be observed, as feasible
- There will be no hugging, high fives, fist bumps etc.
- For birthday celebrations, students can only bring in treats that are individually wrapped and store bought to share with the class.
- Parents are expected to notify the office of any contagious disease.
- Throughout the day, surfaces will be routinely cleaned, disinfected and sanitized.

Elementary School Students

Strategies to minimize exposure to elementary school students



- Parents are to remain in their cars for drop off and pick up. Parents will not be able to visit classrooms at this time
- Teachers will be taking temperatures as the children exit their cars, if a child has a fever of 99.5 (taken with a non contact forehead thermometer) or higher, the parent will be asked to take the child home and monitor for symptoms
- Students will be required to wear a <u>clean</u> face covering when entering or exiting campus
- Students will go directly to their classroom (in masks) for morning exercises
- Students may remove their mask while sitting at the desk with their Safety Shield
- Staggered recess schedule students will play with classmates (will not mix with other grades)
 - Kindergarten Third Grade: 9:50-10:10
 - Fourth Grade Eighth Grade: 10:17-10:37
 - Equipment will be sanitized before and after recesses

Elementary School Students (continued)

- Staggered lunch schedule (each table will have a maximum of eight classmates to ensure social distancing)
 - Kindergarten Third Grade: 11:55-12:20
 - Fourth Grade Eighth Grade: 12:30-12:50
- Lunch recess will be separated. Each class having a designated area to play. Students will only play with their classmates
- Birthday celebrations with students bringing in treats to share with the class will be postponed
- Teachers will have students use sanitizer prior to entering and exiting classrooms
- No hugging, high fives, fist bumps etc.
- Students will attend the special classes in the classroom of that teacher. Students will wear masks until they enter the class and are behind their Safety Shields.

Middle School Students

Strategies to minimize exposure to middle school students



- Parents are to remain in their cars for drop off and pick up. Parents will not be able to visit classrooms at this time
- Teachers will be taking temperatures as the children exit their cars, if a child has a fever of 99.5 or higher (taken with a non contact forehead thermometer), the parent will be asked to take the child home and monitor for symptoms
- Students will be required to wear a <u>clean</u> face covering when entering or exiting campus
- Students will go directly to their classroom (in masks) for morning exercises
- Students may remove their mask while sitting at the desk with their Safety Shield
- Each student will sanitize their hands upon entry and exit of classrooms
- Staggered locker times will be implemented to maintain social distancing
- Students will remain in their school uniform for P.E. classes
- Recess Students will play with classmates (will not mix with other grades)

Middle School Students (continued)

- Equipment will be sanitized after each use
- Staggered lunch schedule (each table will have a maximum of eight classmates to ensure social distancing)
- Birthday celebrations with students bringing in treats to share with the class will be postponed
- No hugging, high fives, fist bumps etc.
- Students will wear a face covering when walking from one class to another. Face covering may be removed once the students are at their desks and behind their Safety Shield
- Extracurricular team sports are suspended until further notice

Daycare Students

Morning Daycare

- **K-8th grade** parents will wear a mask and walk students to the daycare classroom to be checked in.
- **K-8th grade** parents will wait until the teacher has performed the health and safety screening.
- For drop off, **preschool** parents will call the school office, wear a mask and staff will meet them at the main gate.

Afternoon Daycare

- **K-8th grade** students will complete homework in classroom of the teacher on duty.
- **K-8th grade** students will be required to wear masks during homework time.
- K-8th grade students will be spaced as feasible.
- When in the gym or outside, face covering may be removed when playing a physical activity.
- **K-8th grade** parents will wear a face mask and walk to the gym entrance and sign their child out.
- For pick up, **preschool** parents will call the school office, wear a mask and staff will bring the child to the main gate.

Health and Safety Task Force

Enhancements made to campus

- <u>Hospital Grade Protexus Cordless Electrostatic</u>
 <u>Sprayers</u>
- Versa Restroom Cart Cleaning Machine
- Pure disinfectants: 99.9% kill rate of all contagions

These two items are already in use in the classrooms, church, pews, restrooms, school office, gymnasium, and ballroom.

- New HEPA filter vacuums
- Microfiber mops
- Touchless soap dispenser and paper towel dispenser
- Safety barrier shields for K 8th grade desks



