

COVID-19 School Plans for Saint Peter Lutheran School & Little Lambs Preschool 2020-2021

Plan A - Face-to-Face, Isolated Classroom Plan

Due to the advantage of having a smaller overall school body size, face-to-face school for the full school body resumes on the first day of school. Our classroom groups (Preschool, K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8) remain mostly isolated from one another throughout the school day to minimize spread of any sickness between grade level groups. With our new classroom arrangements for 2020-2021, class sizes are smaller and students are spread out into more classrooms, which allows us to spread out desks and student work spaces in the room.

Additional Aspects of this Plan

- Principal Gurgel will serve as the COVID-19 Program coordinator (Responsible for communicating concerns, challenges, and lessons learned related to COVID-19, preventive activities as needed with staff, students/families, and local health officials.)
- If district bussing is not available, a before and after school care program will be available to help families get their children to and from school if district bussing is affected (Supervised quiet work times in their specific classrooms)
- A supervised isolation room will be set up in the upstairs school storage room to send any students to immediately if they are feeling ill. This room will be continually monitored whenever a student is present in it.
- Hot lunch will be served from the kitchen. Classrooms will come down one at a time to be served. K-1 and 2-3 will eat in the fellowship hall on opposite sides. Grades 4-8 will eat in their classrooms.
- Microwaves will not be used. Students not taking hot lunch should bring a cold lunch that doesn't require heating.
- The fridge will not be used. Cold packs should be used in lunchboxes to keep lunch boxes cool.
- Chapel services will be conducted over a livestream to each classroom.
- Students and staff experiencing the following symptoms should be kept at home or sent home immediately when symptoms begin: Fever, chills, a new cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, or diarrhea.
- Daily temperature screening will be conducted of all students and staff as they arrive each day. Those with a fever will be asked to remain home. A fever will be defined as a temperature of 100.4° F or higher.
- Classroom groups will remain in separate areas of the playground at recess. (Available locations: Softball Diamond, Grass Field, Upper Playground, Lower Playground)
- Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer whenever returning inside from recess
- Activities that mix together grade level groups will be placed on hold until COVID-19 risks are minimized. (Children's Choir, Chapel Buddies, Singing as a Full School, Group Band Practices)
- According to Minnesota Executive order 20-81 (July 25), face masks must be worn by all students age 5 and older. Face mask breaks will be worked in throughout the day to make this as comfortable for students as possible (gym class, snack time, lunch, recess, etc...)
- Teacher supervised, careful hand washing before consuming any food (snack time, lunches)
- Disinfecting of classroom surfaces will be done prior to consuming any lunch/snack

- Surfaces and hands-on items in the preschool room will be wiped down between sessions
- Each classroom will primarily use one specific bathroom and monitor it throughout the day for cleanliness
- Classroom desks will be spread out as much as possible with the available space we have in each classroom
- Before and after school, students are discouraged from congregating near the exits and go straight from classrooms to vehicles and vice versa
- When waiting for rides home after school, students will stand socially distanced apart
- Music and Gym Classes should be held outdoors whenever possible
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be installed in each K-8 classroom. Students will be encouraged to use them after blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing, and after touching objects that have been touched by multiple people
- Whenever possible, classrooms will avoid sharing of electronic devices, books, toys, and learning aids. Shared items will be disinfected daily. Students will be provided their own assigned item whenever possible.
- The teaching staff will post assignments and resources online daily to allow students with symptoms or those at risk to keep up with learning from home (and to reduce pressure to rush back to school after being ill). In addition, arrangements will be made to attempt to livestream or offer recordings of classes for students there are absent.
- Students should bring their own water bottles to school. Drinking Fountains will only be used to fill water bottles with our touch-less bottle filling stations. Water bottles will be sent home each day for cleaning.
- Outdoor windows will remain open whenever possible to maximize the circulation of outside air into the classroom
- When lining up, students will be reminded with visuals on the floor to have some distance between one another
- If a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, that specific classroom will shift to remote learning for the rest of the week. The school nurse will be contacted to advise us on procedures to clean the classroom and for putting together a plan to return to face-to-face learning.
- If students in two separate classrooms test positive for COVID-19, the full school will close for the remainder of that week and the classrooms will all shift to remote learning. The school nurse will be contacted to advise us on procedures to clean the classrooms and for formulating a plan to safely return to face-to-face learning.
- If a student has been exposed to a family member with a confirmed case of COVID-19, that student will be asked to quarantine themselves at home and learn remotely. The school nurse will be contacted to advise us on formulating a plan to safely have that student return to face-to-face learning.
- At the beginning of the school day parents will be instructed to drop their children off at the curb and avoid entering school with their children. At the end of the school day students will be brought out to the curb so parents can remain in the parking lot. (Preschoolers will be guided inside from the outside school door by Mrs. Voigt).
- Consider updating bathroom sinks on campus to be touch-less.