



Dear Families,

Attached you will find the developed Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 academic year at St. Louis School. A committee of stakeholders collaborated to craft the attached plan, informed by guidance provided by the Monroe County Department of Health (MCDOH), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The attached Reopening Plan is in alignment with Pittsford Central School District and other Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools.

While we are cognizant that there are varying viewpoints regarding universal masking, the health and wellbeing of the students, staff and families at St. Louis School is our utmost priority. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. The implementation of layered prevention strategies is recommended by the CDC to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. It is evident from committee discussions and the aforementioned guidance that universal masking, regardless of vaccination status, is imperative in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Our experiences at St. Louis School during the 2020-2021 school year are evidence that universal masking, the use of barriers and physical distancing were effective. With the implemented prevention strategies and protocols, our students were both happy and successful throughout the year. The masks did not hinder their engagement in learning, social interactions or their spirit! We were very fortunate to have been able to attend school five days a week unlike any of our area public schools.

We could not have experienced this success without the collaboration of the families and staff at St. Louis School! In particular, we are both grateful and blessed to have Mrs. Schalabba as our school nurse. Mrs. Schalabba is an employee of the Pittsford Central School District and works under the direction of Dr. Tuite. It is imperative that we adhere to all health and safety guidance from the Pittsford Central School District.

Please be aware that we will continue to monitor the community transmission levels and make adjustments and revisions to the attached plan as guidelines are issued by the Monroe County Department of Health (MCDOH), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Pittsford Central School District and the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools.

We appreciate your continued commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of the students, staff and families of St. Louis School. We are looking forward to a health and safe school year that ensures that all students have opportunities to engage in rigorous learning experiences that promote their academic, spiritual and social-emotional development.

Blessings,

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In accordance with the CDC, MCDOH, NYSDOH, NYSED and the AAP, St. Louis School has adopted the following reopening plan for the 2021-2022 academic year. As community transmission levels fluctuate, this committee will review the outlined plan and make revisions, as they are necessary. Any revisions will be communicated to families via email and posted on the St. Louis School website.

Guidance items are listed below in alphabetical order for ease of reference.

While we know this plan will not please everyone, our responsibility to keep our students, staff and families safe, is our highest priority. Harassment of others based on whether or not they are wearing masks (when optional, e.g., outside) will not be tolerated. Please talk to you children about the importance of refraining from making comments to others who choose to wear a mask when not required.

Our expectation is to continue to provide a safe environment for all students, ultimately providing more opportunities for student movement and involvement as transmission rates diminish.

Arrival:

The CDC no longer recommends temperature checks. Upon arrival at school, students must wear masks and will use hand sanitizer when entering their classroom.

Barriers:

St. Louis School will continue with the use of barriers between student desks. A barrier shelf will provide space for books, tissues, a water bottle, lunch and a paper lunch bag for their garbage.

Bussing:

Students will be required to wear masks on their bus. Windows will be opened to increase airflow. Bus guidance and cleaning will be provided by your district.

Cleaning:

Cleaning of classrooms and desks will continue. Students will wipe down their desk with kid-friendly wipes after lunch and at the end of the day. In the lower grades, teachers will wipe down tables. High-traffic areas (e.g., bathrooms, door handles, etc.) will be sanitized daily.

Cohorting:

Cohorting is defined by the CDC as keeping people together in a small group and having each group stay together throughout an entire day. St. Louis will continue to cohort students; however, cohorting will expand to the grade-level as opposed to the classroom. Social distancing will be enforced when an entire grade-level comes together.

Students will remain in their classrooms in grades 4 and 5 with teachers switching for Math/Science and ELA/Social Studies for instructional purposes. All students will be moving with their cohort for Specials.

Dismissal:

Students will exit through their classroom door. We will dismiss bus students first and then students being picked-up.

- Students with siblings in preschool will dismiss at 2:35 with their sibling.
- Students with a Kindergarten sibling will continue to dismiss with them at Reddington at 3:00.
- Students that are walkers will be picked up at the end of the elementary building by 5th grade at 3:00.
- Students being picked up who do not have a younger sibling (PK or K) will be picked up at their classroom door. Parents will line up in their car on Rand Place, and the driveway will open at 3:20. Once the driveway opens, parents will drive in a line to their child's classroom(s) and out of the parking lot at 5th grade, to Main Street.

Enrichment:

Enrichment classes will not be held for the Fall session. This program will be re-evaluated for the Winter and Spring sessions.

Extended Care:

Extended Care is cancelled for the 2021-2022 school year.

Fieldtrips:

Fieldtrips may be allowed this school year. Approval will be made on a case-by-case basis, after safety evaluations of the location are identified. Students will wear masks and maintain 3 feet of social distance.

Handwashing:

Handwashing reminders will be given several times during the day. Students will continue to wash hands before and after lunch. Hand sanitizing will be required throughout the day.

Illness:

Like last school year, you will need to evaluate your child(ren) each morning following the attached Monroe County Department of Public Health flowsheet labeled “Student, teacher or staff with NO known exposure has a temperature > 100° OR exhibits new or unusual symptoms of COVID-19”. The conclusion is your child(ren) will need to stay home and be evaluated by their pediatrician before returning to school. This updated flowsheet was published on August 17, 2021. The goal is to keep COVID-19 from entering the school thus minimizing the spread.

Masking:

As of September 2021, masks will be required for all students, faculty and staff when indoors regardless of vaccination status. Students are asked to provide 3-5 masks each day. Masks will be made available for students and staff that do not have one. Masks are to be worn at all times, with the following exceptions (optional – students may wear them under these conditions as well):

- When outdoors. This includes recess and outdoor class instruction.
- When eating or drinking at their own desk.
- During periodic mask breaks.

Remote Learning:

Per NYS, schools that are open full-time, are not required to offer remote or hybrid learning. For the 2021-2022 school year, St. Louis will not offer the option of remote learning unless directed to do so by NYSED. Students who are absent due to illness will have their work prepared for them by the teacher and available for pick-up in the school office, as needed. Students will utilize their Google Classroom to obtain lessons.

School Masses:

Students will attend Mass and sit by class, with masks. Due to the physical distancing guidelines of 3 feet and capacity issues, parents and guests will not be allowed to attend Mass at this time. Although the Church is a public place, it is a school event, and therefore may not accommodate additional people.

Specials:

For the 2021-2022 school year, students will attend Special classes (Art, Music, Technology, Science Lab, PE and Library). Students will maintain a 3 feet distance and wear their masks. Teachers will sanitize tables and any shared supplies that are used, between classes.

- **PE:** PE will be held outside as often as possible. When outside, masks will not be required, unless a student chooses to wear it. During times of inclement weather, students will be socially distanced in the gym and will wear their masks.

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- **Library:** Students will sanitize their hands upon entering the Library, wear a mask and remain socially distanced. Students will be allowed to check-out books during class. Students will sanitize their hands upon leaving the library.
- **Music:** Music class will be held in the Music Room. Students will be socially distanced and wear their masks. Singing will be allowed but should be limited. Instruments will be sanitized between classes.
- **Art:** Art will be held in the Art Room. Students will wear masks and socially distance. The teacher will sanitize tables between classes.
- **Technology:** Technology will be held in the Tech Lab. Test dividers will be setup between computers, and students will be spread out during class. Students will wear masks and socially distance. The teacher will sanitize between classes. For Grades 3-5, Technology may be taught in the classroom at any time using the classroom Chromebooks.
- **Science Lab:** Science Lab will be held in the Science Lab (by Art Room). Science projects will be pre-packaged, and students will not share materials. Students will wear masks and socially distance. The teacher will sanitize between classes.

Ventilation:

We will continue to bring fresh outdoor air into the building by opening windows. We will continue to use air purifiers and child-safe fans. Additionally, our HVAC system will be checked regularly.

Volunteers & Visitors:

CDC recommends limiting non-essential adults in the school buildings. Until further notice volunteers and visitors will be limited. St. Louis School will re-evaluate this based on community transmission levels. The only exception to this rule will be the use of substitute teachers and contracted providers, as needed.



Parent Acknowledgement Form

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I (We) _____ (print full name(s)), confirm that I (we) have read the St. Louis School 2021-2022 Reopening Plan and understand that it describes the COVID-19 health and safety protocols that the school has established to promote the wellbeing of students, staff and families. I (we) agree to follow the protocols outlined within the St. Louis School 2021-2022 Reopening Plan. I (we) acknowledge that the outlined protocols are subject to change as infection rates fluctuate per guidance from NYS or the MCDOH. All changes to protocols will be communicated with students, staff and families.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

Date