



# ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

2020/2021 School Year (Covid-19 Plan)



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Our opening plan is based on guidance and information from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The St. Pius X High School (StPX) school year began on Friday, August 14 (freshman) and Monday, August 17 (all students) with in-person, at-school learning.

We have a culture of working or going to school when sick, a mind-set born of the hardworking nature of the StPX community. However, to do our part to continue to educate while simultaneously ensuring the safety of everyone in our community, we need to adapt that culture to today's reality.



## General Guidance

These guidelines are in place to help us ensure that when a positive or suspected Covid-19 case presents itself in our school, we are doing everything possible to minimize exposure of others AND maximize the probability of keeping the building open for in-person learning.

- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- When possible, maintain a social distance of 6 feet apart when together for 15 or more minutes
- Wear a mask if you are unable to social distance
- Use hand sanitizer or wash hands upon entering school buildings, before eating, after eating, after restroom usage and throughout the day
- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit
  - Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer
- If a student has a reason to prevent them from wearing a mask, please contact the front office



## Health Screenings

- Student screenings are the responsibility of the students' parents/guardians. These questions will be included in the Weekly Communication as a reminder. The parent/guardian should ask their student before sending them to school each day.
- All employees will be responsible for asking themselves the seven essential questions daily
- A "YES" to any of the health screening questions means do not report to school. Notify the school office of the situation and seek medical advice.
  - a. Do you have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?
  - b. Have you come in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
  - c. Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
  - d. Have you experienced any chills or repeated shaking with chills?
  - e. Have you experienced any muscle pain or headache (different than normal exercise-induced pain or seasonal allergies or other diagnosed conditions)?
  - f. Have you experienced any sore throat (different than your seasonal allergies or other diagnosed condition)?
  - g. Have you experienced any recent loss of taste or smell?





## Arrival/Departure

- Students who drive should remain in their cars until 7:40 AM Monday through Thursday and 8:45 AM on late start days, unless there is a scheduled meeting with a teacher
  - These students must enter through the south doors facing the football stadium, next to the Wellness Center
  - Students must maintain social distance when exiting vehicles and entering the school, excluding siblings riding together and those carpooling
  - Upon entering the building, students will immediately proceed to their locker and then to their homeroom
- Students dropped off by a parent or those who park in the front of school will enter through the main entrance (circle drive) and proceed directly to the cafeteria until 7:40 AM (8:45 AM for late start days)
  - Students must maintain social distance when exiting vehicles and entering the school, excluding siblings riding together and those carpooling
  - Upon entering the building, students will immediately proceed to their locker and then to their homeroom
- Students who ride the shuttle will enter through the rear foyer door at 7:40 AM and proceed directly to their locker then homeroom upon arrival
  - Shuttle riders will have assigned seats
  - Masks will be required if social distancing is not possible
- All students and faculty should leave school by 4:00 PM with the exception of after-school activities
  - Students not involved in after-school activities are asked to leave the campus at the end of the school day



## School Visitors

- Non-essential visitors are prohibited from entering the school
- Parents/guardians with any needs should call the main office
- All allowed visitors will have to sign in and fill out contact information
- All allowed visitors must answer the health screening questions. A “YES” to any means they will not be allowed to enter the school:
  - a. Do you have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?
  - b. Have you come in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks?
  - c. Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
  - d. Have you experienced any chills or repeated shaking with chills?
  - e. Have you experienced any muscle pain or headache (different than normal exercise-induced pain or seasonal allergies or other diagnosed conditions)?
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## Classrooms/Learning

Homerooms will be by grade level

Since social distancing may not be achievable in all classrooms, teachers will have the authority to require masks to be worn, rearrange desks, isolate themselves from the students, etc.

When students enter their classroom, they are required to take a disinfectant wipe, provided by the school, and wipe down their desk

Students will have assigned seating

Students must use hand sanitizer as they exit their classroom at the end of each class

Students who are out sick/quarantined will have homework expectations similar to previous practices for students who were out ill

To minimize the number of times students switch classes and minimize the number of student/teacher exposures per day, we have a block schedule for the 2020/2021 school year. This will also allow for a smoother transition in the event we are compelled to move to a virtual solution.



## Extracurricular Activities/Athletics

We believe that following the established protocols throughout this document will help ensure that extracurricular activities and athletics can all happen this year. The protocols in place, per the CDC and JCHD, have been established to address positive and suspected cases of Covid-19 and will help us minimize the potential impact on the larger campus community when isolated cases are confirmed.

- As of this writing, extracurricular activities and athletics will still occur and will follow MSHSAA requirements. JCHD guidelines will also be followed.
- Information will be communicated by the Athletic Director/coaches
- Locker rooms will be limited to six students at a time, only for Wellness classes or athletics participation reasons (otherwise closed)
- The Wellness Program will follow JCHD guidelines pertaining to fitness facilities
- During large indoor group gatherings when social distancing is not possible, masks must be worn
- If a student/staff member/teacher is uncomfortable in large gatherings and chooses not to attend, other accommodations will be made
- Music students will be distanced within the classroom, gym or other space
  - Students will not share mouthpieces, reeds, sheet music, etc. with other students



## Lunch Hour

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- Lunch will be served daily in the cafeteria
- The salad bar has been removed; premade salads in two different sizes will be available
- All kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves during serving and prep times
- All students will be required to sanitize their hands before going through the lunch line
- Students should maintain social distance while in line and follow the floor markings
- Students will have the ability to eat in the cafeteria, gym, classrooms, and outside (weather permitting)
- Students need to maintain social distancing when eating
  - Masks should be worn when this cannot occur
- Masks are not required when outdoors
- Students will not be allowed to play sports during lunch
- The cafeteria will be cleaned and disinfected before and after lunch



## Masks/Face Coverings

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### Staff

- When social distancing is not possible, masks are required
- When social distancing is being practiced, mask wearing is based on personal preference

### Students

- Students should wear masks when social distancing is not possible and/or upon teacher request
- When students are wearing a mask, they will be required to wear them in the proper manner
- Masks may be removed once the student is in the classroom, settled and distanced, unless the teacher requests otherwise
- Any student wearing a mask with an inappropriate saying or display will be disciplined, in the same manner as an inappropriate t-shirt
- Face masks are not required when students are outside
- All are required to supply their own masks (St. Pius X will have a supply of temporary masks available to provide to individuals as necessary)



## Restrooms

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- The number of students and staff allowed in the restroom at one time will be limited to four
- Teachers will not allow more than one student out of their class at a time to use the restroom
- Students must use the restroom on the same floor as the class they are in
- Restrooms will be cleaned daily



## Cleaning & Sanitizing

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- Classrooms, the Wellness Center and other areas of St. Pius X High School will be cleaned on a regular basis, including, but not limited to daily fogging
- There will be routine cleaning of high-touch surfaces and objects (such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, desks, phones, keyboards, faucets, etc.)
- All areas of the buildings will be fogged beginning at 4:00 PM



## Signage/Messaging

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- Signs will be posted in highly visible areas promoting everyday protective measures
- Regular announcements on the importance of handwashing, not touching your face, and social distancing will be made



## Health Protocols

When a positive COVID-19 case is identified, the guidelines set out by the JCHD are as follows:

If a student/employee tests positive for Covid-19:

- StPX must be contacted by the family with notification of the test result
- Student/employee will need to be in isolation for 10 days from the date of the test or onset of symptoms
- Student/employee can return on the release date calculated by StPX in conjunction with JCHD
  - Note: Return is not predicated on a negative test result
- Any persons who were within 6 ft for more than 15 minutes of the person who tested positive will be contacted by the school
  - If close contact is confirmed (through contact tracing by StPX), individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days
    - StPX will contact the parents/guardians and request they take the necessary course of action (get tested, report to JCHD, etc.)
    - Individuals cannot test out of quarantine
- For athletics, if a student-athlete or coach are confirmed positive, contact tracing will be performed by the school and isolation/quarantine decisions will be made
  - Athletes returning from isolation are required to follow the return to play protocol (7 day practice reacclimation period and a release note from a doctor)
- Siblings and other students in a household who are exposed to a person with a positive test must quarantine for 14 days

Virtual protocols are at the discretion of the school.

Definitions:

- Isolation: Separating people who are ill from others who are not ill to keep the virus from spreading (someone who tested positive)
- Quarantine: Is used to keep someone who was exposed to C-19 away from others
- Contact: Someone whom it has been determined was within 6 feet of a confirmed positive person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick, or a Covid-19 specimen collection
- Confirmed Positive: Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence

\*These guidelines may change as more information about the virus becomes available





## References

- Centers for Disease Control Coronavirus Overview -  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Jefferson County Health Department Coronavirus Overview -  
<http://www.jeffcohealth.org/coronavirus-covid19>
- DHSS Immediate Initiation of Contact Tracing for School Children. This document includes Upon receipt of a positive COVID-19 test for any individual at least three (3) years of age but no older than twenty-one (21) years of age, the local public health agency, as defined by 19 CSR 20-20.010(27) shall begin contact tracing such individual as soon as possible, but no longer than twenty-four(24) hours. The local public health agency shall prioritize notifying the COVID-19 school point of contact for the individual, so that the school may assist the local health authority with expedited contact tracing.  
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/tracing-order-8-7-20.pdf>
- Rules of Department of Health and Senior Services Division 20-Division of Community and Public Health Chapter 20-Communicable Diseases  
<https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/19csr/19c20-20.pdf>  
19 CSR 20-20.040(1) Persons suffering from a reportable disease or who are liable to transmit a reportable disease (19 CSR 20-20.020) shall be barred from attending school. 19 CSR 20-20.050(1) The Department of Health and Senior Services or the directors designated representative shall require isolation of a patient or animal with a communicable disease, quarantine of contact, concurrent and terminal disinfection.
- Statute of Missouri, RSMO Section 192.320 Violation of law or quarantine-penalty  
<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=192.320>  
Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of sections 192.010, 192.020 to 192.490, 192.600 to 192.620 or who shall leave any pesthouse, or isolation hospital, or quarantined house or place without the consent of the health officer having jurisdiction, or who evades or breaks quarantine or knowingly conceals a case of contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, or who removes, destroys, obstructs from view, or tears down any quarantine card, cloth or notice posted by the attending physician or by the health officer, or by direction of a proper health officer, shall be deemed guilty of a class A misdemeanor.





# St. Pius X Learning Plan

## GOLD LEVEL

Full-time, in-school learning school is open with:

- Traditional educational schedules
- Students & staff practicing increased hygiene practices and following other guidance from the Jefferson County Health Department and/or St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese

## WHITE LEVEL

Snow Days and breaks less than 10 consecutive school days

Student learning is temporarily transitioned to virtual platforms:

- Daily schedule(s) still maintained for teachers/students

## BLUE LEVEL

Student learning is fully transitioned to virtual platforms:

- In the event of an extended school closure, the school will transition to completely virtual education for all students. StPX will continue its education utilizing the following schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:11-9:33	Period 1	Period 5	Day will be used for teacher office hours and student work day.	Period 4	Period 8
9:36-10:58	Period 2	Period 6		Period 3	Period 7
11:58-1:19	Period 3	Period 7		Period 2	Period 6
1:22-2:45	Period 4	Period 8		Period 1	Period 5

Class will be conducted live in addition to utilizing many of the tools used in past virtual learning situations.

We humbly ask that you say this prayer for the St. Pius X community:

We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from danger, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin. St. Pius X, pray for us. Amen.