

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

COVID-19 MITIGATION 2021-2022

Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools, Updated September 15, 2021

Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports. Currently, all individuals 12 and over are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Masks are welcomed, but not required or provided. Executive Order GA-36 signed by Governor Greg Abbott on May 18th, 2021, prohibits agencies from mandating face coverings. Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Physical distance between students within classrooms and on buses/vans will continue as much as possible to reduce transmission risk.

Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider for testing and care.

All Saints serves children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (e.g., consistently using multiple prevention strategies together) to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households in an effort to support in-person learning.

All Saints will work closely with the local health department to monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies used. All Saints reserves the right to adjust COVID-19 mitigation protocols as needed in accordance with supporting health agencies.

All Saints Episcopal School adheres to COVID-19 protocols established by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), City of Lubbock Health Department, University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS).

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

1. Vaccination

All eligible individuals (age 12 and over) are encouraged to be vaccinated.

Students and staff who have been vaccinated will not be required to quarantine in the event of close contact as long as they remain without symptoms (per local health department guidelines.)

2. Facial coverings

Facial coverings are welcomed and will be encouraged when levels of community transmission are high as informed by the City of Lubbock Health Department. Face coverings cannot be mandated per GA-36. If one chooses to wear a face covering it is highly encouraged that they wear a high-filtration mask.

3. Physical distancing

Physical distance between students within classrooms and on buses/vans will continue as much as possible to reduce transmission risk.

Class sizes are limited.

Physical guides (i.e., tape on floors, signs on walls, etc.) are in place to act as reminders to staff and children to adhere to social distancing practices.

Designated drop-off/pick-up locations to reduce the risk of exposure will continue. The areas for drop-off will be assigned based on the grade level of the family's youngest child.

- High School - Back northeast doors by Patriot Gym, Door D.
- Middle school - Middle School Parking Lot Main Entrance, Door L
- Lower School
 - Kindergarten, PLC Portico by Door Q
 - First and Second, Gate O
 - Third and Fourth, Gate X
- Patriot Learning Center (PLC), Gate U

4. Ventilation

Outdoor learning and travel spaces will be utilized when possible.

All Saints will increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible if it does not pose a threat to safety.

5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

All Saints has provided hand sanitizing stations at entry points, classrooms, lunchroom, and other student used spaces.

Students are encouraged to clean their hands upon arrival to and dismissal from campus as well as other times as needed (i.e., before and after eating, after using the restroom, after recess, coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose, etc.)

All Saints will teach proper respiratory etiquette and good handwashing.

6. Staying home when sick and getting tested

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of ANY infectious illness (COVID or other contagious illnesses), should NOT come to campus. They are highly encouraged to contact their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to keeping COVID-19 and other infectious illnesses out of schools and prevent spread to others.

If staying home for any illness/symptoms written documentation from a licensed healthcare professional or proof of a negative COVID-19 test must be presented to the All Saints Health Office/Division Head in order to return to school.

All staff and students will be expected to conduct daily self-screening for symptoms of illness prior to coming to campus.

Self-screening Procedure (as age appropriate, parents will need to screen younger children)

- COVID-19 Symptoms may include:
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Headache
 - Fatigue or unusual tiredness
 - Fever, feeling feverish or chills
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Loss of taste or smell

Students will have their temperature taken by a staff member prior to entry to their classroom. Temperature will be taken using a touchless thermometer. If a student's temperature reading is greater than 100 degrees F, they will be given a mask, escorted to the health clinic, and a parent will be called to pick them up.

CDC and local health authority guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19 **DO NOT** need to quarantine or get tested after exposure to someone with COVID-19.

Getting tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are present will help with rapid contact tracing and prevent possible spread at school.

7. Contact Tracing, Testing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine and Reporting

All Saints will continue to collaborate with the local health department to determine close contact, isolation, and quarantine requirements.

All Saints will notify the local health department if any individual who has been in school tests positive for COVID-19 in accordance with applicable federal, state, local laws and regulations. All Saints will also notify parents of all students in the grade level/extra-curricular activities of the confirmed COVID-19 positive case(s). All Saints will follow confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

FULLY VACCINATED individuals who come into close contact with a person who is presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive, but **DO NOT** have COVID-19 symptoms, **ARE NOT** required to quarantine or be tested unless symptoms develop.

NON-VACCINATED individuals who come into close contact with a person who is presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive will be notified if quarantine is recommended by the City of Lubbock Health Department after contact tracing is complete.

8. Cleaning and Disinfecting

The school is cleaned daily. The daily cleaning protocol includes desks, high touch surfaces, and common areas among others.

In addition, high touch areas (i.e., desks, chairs, play equipment, door handles, sink handles, etc.) are cleaned and disinfected multiple times during the day. Each teacher is provided cleaning supplies for their classroom.

All Saints has the capability to “fog” high traffic areas as well as the use of ultraviolet light stations available for enhanced cleaning and disinfection.

Water fountains will remain closed; however, water-bottle refill stations will remain in place. All students and staff are encouraged to bring their own wide-mouth water bottles for personal hydration.

9. Attendance and Illness Guidelines

How to report an absence

Parents/Guardians are to report any presumed or positive cases of COVID-19, exposure to COVID-19, and any illness or absence directly to the student's Division Head.

Should a student miss school for any reason, they will be expected to make up their work upon return. For any approved longer-than-normal absences (including possible isolation or close-contact quarantine due to COVID 19 exposure), the students will work with their individual classroom/subject teachers to stay updated with their schoolwork.

Full-time virtual learning for individuals is not a current option at All Saints. All Saints is staffed for in-person learning. Only in the event that governing health agencies mandate a stoppage with in-person school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, All Saints will quickly pivot and provide best-in-class virtual learning to all students.

10. Other

All Saints may host events, but social distancing and spacing between family groups is encouraged.

Volunteers, vendors, and contractors are welcomed by appointment. To assist with contact tracing, volunteers, vendors, and contractors will be required to provide a list of individuals they met with to the Main Office staff.

Parents and guardians may have lunch with their students in the lunchroom upon self-screening prior to coming to school as well as check-in at the main office.

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12. Designated Points of Contact

The first point of contact for any questions, concerns, or feedback about COVID-19 policies and procedures is the Division Head. They can be reached at 745-7701 or at the emails listed below:

Patriot Learning Center (PS/PK): Angela Robertson, arobertson@allsaintsschool.org

Lower School (K-4): Rachel Scranton, rscranton@allsaintsschool.org

Middle School (5-8): Greg Hutchinson, ghutchinson@allsaintsschool.org

High School (9-12): Tammy Edmonson, tedmonson@allsaintsschool.org

Health & Safety Coordinator: Lisa Rozean, lrozean@allsaintsschool.org

School Nurse: Haylee Belcher, hbelcher@allsaintsschool.org

13. Reporting Close Contact Exposure or a Positive Test

Close Contact Exposure

- Contact the All Saints Health & Safety Coordinator and the appropriate Division Head
- All Saints will work in conjunction with the City of Lubbock Health Department to determine any close contact and will notify if quarantine is required.

Positive

- Contact the All Saints Health & Safety Coordinator and the appropriate Division Head
- Isolation for 10 days is required (state and local health authorities).
- Testing out of isolation is NOT an option.
- Anyone who has been in close contact will be notified individually when contact tracing is determined by All Saints Episcopal School or the City of Lubbock Health Department.

14. Close Contact Flowchart



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Close Contact Flowchart

