

## **Covid-19 Guidelines for the 2021-22 School Year**

We will continue to monitor timely resources to inform how we can best uphold our school commitment to the health and well-being of our community. While it is unsettling for parents, students, and employees to read daily about COVID-19, the CDC has advised communities, businesses, schools, and other organizations to be prepared for the possibility of needing to manage this new virus. Our School is committed to being as prepared as possible, and thus provides the following update on our decisions and guidance to our community.

Infection Prevention Plan – We have created an Infection Prevention Plan which includes five levels. Beginning with Level One, the risk of infection is normal to low risk and ends with Level 5 which is government-mandated with limited capacities. Please see the attached diagram for complete details. Determining factors for moving to a higher level will be based on the number of Covid cases within our school community. The school year will begin at Level One.

Our School is following the current guidance provided by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the St. Charles County Health Department, the CDC, and US State Department. These are all excellent sources of information if you have any additional concerns about COVID-19. We will, of course, keep you informed of any recommendations that might affect our ability to operate the school normally.

As we partner with you and our greater community to meet known and unknown challenges, we are committed to keeping the channels of communication open and doing all we reasonably can to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our school community. We plan to communicate regularly with families as we monitor the situation.

As a reminder, if you or a family member test positive for COVID-19 and/or are required to quarantine due to positive exposure, please let the school know so that we can take the necessary precautions. If you have any questions relating to our policies and procedures, please feel free to the school principal at 636-332-9913.

# ST PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL – INFECTION PREVENTION PLAN

	<b>Level 1 Standard Precautions</b>	<b>Level 2 Elevated Precautions</b>	<b>Level 3 Grade Level Grouping</b>	<b>Level 4 Homeroom Grouping</b>	<b>Level 5 Distance Learning</b>
<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>Normal/Low Risk of infection</b>	<b>Moderate risk of infections, flu season, small outbreaks</b>	<b>Heightened risk of infection, flu season, medium outbreaks</b>	<b>Heightened risk of infection, flu season, multiple outbreaks</b>	<b>Government mandated capacity limits</b>
<b>ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL</b>	<b>Drop off:</b> K-8 upper level – will go to gym. PS/PK lower level main entrance. <b>Dismissal:</b> K-8 upper level in 3 carpools, PS/PK lower level	Same as Level 1 possible temperature checks	Level 2 + <b>Drop off:</b> Gr 1-8 upper level – will go directly to classrooms. K/PS/PK lower level, will go directly to classrooms where possible, others will enter through main entrance. <b>Dismissal:</b> Gr K-8 same as Level 1, PS/PK from classrooms where possible and lower level main ent.	Same as Level 3	School temporarily closed
<b>Classroom Procedure</b>	Classroom and bathroom hard surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day. Hand sanitizer in classrooms & common areas	Increased sanitation. Water fountains will be turned off. No shared supplies. “Clean in Clean out” enforced	Level 2 + students use designated bathrooms. Homerooms operate as a “family” to avoid transmission	Level 3 + additional sanitation measures. Possible face covering in larger settings, for example in hallways during transitions	School campus is temporarily closed
<b>Instructional Traffic &amp; Special Classes</b>	Middle school will change classes. Specials are open. Hard surfaces will be sanitized between classes.	MS Teacher will change classes. Specials are open with heightened sanitation protocols.	Level 2 + Special teachers will push into homerooms, except PE. PE will go outside when weather permits	Same as Level 3	School campus is temporarily closed
<b>Lunch</b>	Students will eat in the cafeteria. Hand sanitation at entrance. Hard surfaces will be sanitized between lunch groups	Level 1 + Students will be spaced every other seat at tables.	Same as Level 2 + Salad bar served or offer premade salads	Same as Level 2	School campus is temporarily closed
<b>Recess</b>	Students will sanitize hands before and after recess.	Same as Level 1	Students will play in designated areas with homeroom only	Same as Level 3	School campus is temporarily closed
<b>Mass &amp; Multi-grade Gatherings</b>	Mass: 5-8 will attend on Wednesday and Gr K-4 will attend on Thursday. Hand sanitation required upon entry and exit	Same as Level 1 + may limit multi-grade gatherings	Level 2 + Mass: Grades may be spread out over more days of the week to social distance. Hand sanitation required upon entry and exit.	Same as Level 3	School campus is temporarily closed
<b>Volunteers &amp; Visitors</b>	Scheduled Volunteers allowed with normal check-in. Visitors will be limited.	Level 1 + temperature check at the office	Level 2 + may be required to wear a mask	Same as Level 3	School campus is temporarily closed