

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MIDDLE SCHOOL COVID-19 Education Plan

What will happen when my student enters the building each day?

Students will only enter from the North or West entrances of the Middle School. Students will be required to wear masks as they begin to line up. Social distance markers will be placed on the sidewalks at the entrances and will be enforced (Think Costco or Home Depot entrances). The faculty/staff will supervise entrances each morning. When a student enters the building, they will verify a health screen and have their temperature taken. Once they successfully complete these first two steps they will go immediately to their first-period class. Students will not be allowed to congregate in groups before the bell rings.

My student is dropped off at 7:00 am. Will they be allowed inside the building?

Yes. At 7:00 a.m. the West D Hall entrance will be open, using the above protocols, students who arrive before 7:30 am will stay in the Commons until 7:45 a.m. and then proceed immediately to their first-period class. The Commons will serve as a study hall for students during this time. Students arriving for 0-period functions will arrive at the West entrance only as well.

Will my student use their locker?

No. Lockers will not be assigned this year to avoid students congregating in hallways. Students should plan on using an appropriate backpack to carry only the materials they need to use that specific day.

How is social distancing in the hallways maintained?

Through a variety of adjustments to traffic flow patterns, we will minimize the potential number of students in any given hallway. For example, staircases and hallways will be designated as one-way to reduce face to face contact. Faculty and staff will be present in the hallways as well to keep students moving from one class to another.

What will happen if a student comes to school with a fever or is not feeling well?

The CDC has very strict guidelines on the appropriate response to these conditions. If a student is not feeling well (i.e. stomach ache, cold symptoms, headaches, etc.) they will be asked to step into a holding room temporarily. There they will be assessed and if needed parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their student and return home. If the student attempts to enter the building with a high temperature their temperature will be retaken. If the student retests and is cleared, they will proceed to class. We encourage parents/guardians to do their own symptom checking and take their student's temperature each day before departing home.

Are all students, faculty, and staff required to wear masks?

Yes. Students are expected to provide their mask. Masks will be available for the rare occurrences someone forgets a mask. Masks must cover the nose and mouth. If the mask has a design or print it must be appropriate for Catholic schools.

What procedures are in place inside the classroom to ensure COVID safety?

All faculty will be trained in the strict protocols created for a healthy classroom. Class sizes are being reduced to provide ample spaces for social distancing. Students will be asked to sanitize their hands when entering a classroom. Doors will remain open. Touch surfaces will be cleaned before every class. In addition to wearing masks, teachers may be wearing face shields when lecturing to the students. Some teachers will teach from behind a plexiglass wall (ie. foreign languages). Small group activity will be restructured so the interaction between students is safe.

How will a teacher clean their classroom after every class?

Each classroom will be equipped with a COVID sanitation kit. Teachers will be trained on how to disinfect touch surfaces after every class. Doors will remain open.

Does my student have to participate in Wednesday Remote Learning/FLEX days?

Yes. These days will include a variety of blended online experiences. **Wednesday should be considered a regular day of school.**

How will transitions from class period to class period happen?

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Will you have PE classes and how will students dress/change clothes?

Yes. There is ample space in our locker rooms for students to socially distance themselves when changing. Each gym period/activity will determine the use of masks. PE experiences will be modified to allow students to interact safely.

How will lunch be modified to maintain a safe environment?

Lunch will be on a rotating basis by grade level. Each grade will participate in lunch, recess, and homebase in 25 minute increments. Plexiglass dividers are being built to accommodate 6 students sitting/eating at a cafeteria round. This will allow students to safely eat in comfort. Student identification will be scanned at the table for contact tracing.

How will I be notified if a student or staff member in the school tests positive for COVID-19?

We will follow the specific directives of the Salt Lake County Health Department and the Utah Department of Health in notifying parents/guardians if someone tests positive on campus.

Do we have the option of switching to online learning if our household health status requires us to stay home?

Yes. Please contact administration if family or social conditions change and your student needs to switch to online learning.