

St. Mary's/Play Island Preschool Return-to-School Plan

*All categories of the Return-to-School Plan are subject to change based on high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff.

| Category | Important Notes |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Face coverings</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face coverings may be required in instances such as: high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff. ● If masks are mandated, Individuals with underlying health conditions will have their face covering needs met on a case-by-case basis. ● If your child is fully vaccinated or have a positive case in the household, but your child remains symptom free, it is strongly recommended that your child wear a mask at school unless they have tested negative. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Visitors</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents and Guardians are being asked to drop off and pick up their children at the door 3. ● In certain instances, such as parent meetings and classroom presentations, visitors may be allowed into St. Mary's School for limited periods of time with prior approval. ● The St. Mary's School will continue to provide local updated case information as one data point for decision making. ● Visitors may not be allowed in instances such as: high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff. ● If you are sick, please stay in your car. We will be happy to send your child out to you when you arrive and call the office. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Illness Protocol</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MDH defines symptoms of Covid-19 as a new onset cough OR shortness of breath (by themselves) OR at least two of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting or nausea. ● If a person has a new symptom with no other diagnosis to explain it, they should stay home and call their health care provider. ● When a person is waiting for the result of their COVID-19 test, they should remain home. Homework will be available for the student the following day by 12:00 PM. ● Parents must call into school by 9:00 a.m. identifying the illness as to why their child is sick. ● If a child displays symptoms of illness, the child will be sent to the office and immediately, may be asked to mask and parents will be contacted. ● If your child tests positive you will be out of school for 5 days. A negative test result allows them to return immediately. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Strategies for Safety</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ventilation ● Hand washing ● Sneeze/Cough etiquette ● Cohorting (<i>if needed</i>) - keeping people together in a small group and keeping them together for the duration of the day, to limit the spread. ● Continued cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day with EPA-disinfectant for COVID-19. ● Spot quarantines and face covering implementation of student groups or classrooms when needed. ● Water fountains have been turned on. The use of personal water bottles is still highly recommended. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Distance Learning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact is to be made to the school office 320-365-3693 ext. 201. The administrative assistant will pass the message on to the staff deemed necessary. ● If a household contains one positive tested individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Children are to remain home during this time. ● Zooming: will only be implemented to those students who have tested positive and still have symptoms beyond day six. ● Travel restrictions are contained to “Out-of-the-Country” travel at this time. If you are traveling outside of the USA you are to inform the school office with dates/location/etc... two weeks prior to your trip so that homework can be prepared and sent with your child prior to the trip. Returning to school will be handled on a case by case incident as advised by the CDC and/or MDH at the present time. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Direct Student Support (Special Education and English Learners)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Mary’s Schools will utilize the recommendations for Delivering Direct Student Support Services guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education and direction for our local district. ● This includes the <i>potential</i> for certain students to receive more in-school or in-person instruction in the event of a hybrid or distance learning model being implemented. ● Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) will be followed and evaluated to ensure appropriate access and equity. This includes the level of masking appropriate for those students. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Quarantine-Contact Tracing</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you are sick, please stay home. ● When waiting for test results or when a positive test is discovered - isolate from school. Contact tracing may become necessary in determining additional positive cases. ● Testing may result in shorter-term quarantine/isolation. ● 3 feet is the initial social distance threshold for contact tracing purposes. St. Mary’s may move to 6 feet threshold if cases warrant. ● 5-day quarantine for those who have tested positive. |

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| <p>Extracurriculars/ Activities/ Events/School Masses</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spectators will be allowed at all activities. ● The District reserves the right to limit capacity based on local and state agency recommendations. ● Face coverings are recommended but not required and are subject to change. |
| <p>Transportation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face Coverings are required while riding on school provided transportation per federal law. Families should provide face coverings for their own children. ● Bussing services will be provided by Superior Transportation. Questions regarding transportation should be directed to 320-523-1224. ● Bus stop locations have been determined by capacity loads which include licensed Day Care operations. |
| <p>Mental Health Supports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School-linked mental health: https://www.woodlandcenters.com/services/school-based-services/ ● Leslie Henslin, Student Resource <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ lhenslin@stmarysbi.com ● Verbal or physical harassment of vaccination status/face covering preference will not be tolerated. |

****Pending additional information from MDE and MDH**

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