



Health and Safety Plan Summary: St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy

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1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

St. Stephen's will continue COVID-19 mitigation practices such as cleaning and sanitizing. While St. Stephen's will not require families to share their students' vaccination status, families are welcome to share their child's vaccination status with the school nurse if they choose to do so. We will follow DOH and CDC guidance on contact tracing and quarantine.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Stephen's has created a continuum of procedures and protocols for providing services to students and staff. We will do our best, to the greatest extent possible offer these services to all students and staff to meet their individual needs. Situations that require technology under hybrid/remote/quarantine will be issued devices and Wi-Fi hotspots. Regardless of the conditions of the pandemic, we will continue to maintain, to the fullest extent possible, all the academic, social, emotional, and health support for all. Food services are offered to St. Stephen's students through various means by Glade Run and their home school district when needed.

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3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traditional return to full-time in-person learning for all students. ● All individuals in a school setting have the option of choosing to wear a mask but this is not mandatory.
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classrooms will space student desks three feet apart. ● Students will eat breakfast in their classroom lunch will be served in the dining hall with sanitizing measures. ● Families wanting to send in snacks to the classroom will be required to send in prepackaged, store-bought snacks. <p>Non-essential visitors will be discouraged from entering the building. If a meeting is required and cannot be conducted virtually/telephone, the following will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting spaces will be sanitized and cleaned as needed before and after each meeting.
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand washing is encouraged throughout the day. Hand sanitizer is available in all spaces. ● Teachers will develop a handwashing schedule/plan. Handwashing will need to occur before breakfast/lunch/snacks. Handwashing will also need to

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	<p>occur if a student coughs or sneezes into their hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instruction will be provided to students on handwashing, respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette.
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sanitation of classroom will occur once every 24 hours and Custodian on-site during the school day to address high traffic/high touch areas at the moment. In order to assist with this goal, teachers will have a daily protocol of how to leave their classrooms at the end of the day in order for maximum sanitation (nothing left on desks, items picked up off floor, etc.). ● Ventilation systems are operational and will be monitored to ensure optimal functioning. ● Hand sanitizer and/or wipes will be provided in each classroom. ● Students will bring/be provided water bottles to fill at fountains. Fountains will be used as filling stations. ● Supplies such as disinfectant wipes, masks, spit shields, and gloves are available for staff/students. ● Students are to bring or will be provided their own headphones/earbuds.
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Staff and Students who have tested positive for COVID19 may return to work once they are cleared by supervisor/Principal.</p>

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	<p>Following CDC quarantine/isolation guidance issued 8/11/2022</p> <p>If you test positive for COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you stay home for at least 5 days and isolate yourself from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days. Wear a high-quality mask when you must be around others at home and in public. • If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5. • Recommending that if you had moderate illness (if you experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing) or severe illness(you were hospitalized) due to COVID-19 or you have a weakened immune system, you need to isolate through day 10. <p>If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommending that instead of quarantining if you were exposed to COVID-19, you wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5.
<p>f. Diagnostic and screening testing;</p>	<p>We ask staff and families to continue to commit to protecting our environment by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Checking their temperature at home before leaving. 2. Stay home if they feel ill. <p>Staff and families are asked to report all concerning the information regarding symptoms and exposure to their supervisors/Principal.</p>

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<p>g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</p>	<p>St. Stephen's will share information (if received) regarding local vaccine clinics and may partner to host clinics in school facilities.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For students with concerns we encourage dialogue with the home school district or an IEP team meeting to discuss available options. ● Unless the Student has a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team. ● St. Stephen's will work with parents, School Districts and other members of IEP teams to determine if alternate programming needs to be created.
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>St. Stephen's will continue to work in tandem with the DOH and PDE to employ safety measures (including school closures) because of conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

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