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ST. PETER'S SCHOOL COVID-19 RESPONSE  
2021-2022



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# INTRODUCTION

St. Peter's faculty and staff look forward to welcoming students back to a more traditional school year, allowing students to interact more closely; play on the playground, courts, and fields; and perform in competitions and on stage. We foresee the return of academic enrichment, spiritual, and social activities that provide for the overall well-being of our students.

Though we are optimistic about this year's return to campus, as recent weeks have shown, COVID-19 and its variants continues to present unpredictable challenges in our community with changing policies and additional information being released often.

Foundational to our plan is our commitment to providing full, in-person instruction, living our Catholic mission to protect the most vulnerable among us, and making decisions based upon current scientific knowledge about the pandemic. We will continue to monitor the latest information from Richland Public Health (RPH), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and indicators on campus to provide a safe, stimulating learning environment for our students.





# ABOUT COVID-19 VARIANTS

New information regarding mutations of COVID-19 are being continuously reviewed by our school administration as we move forward together into the 21-22 school year. Of significant concern is the Delta Variant, which the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have determined is more highly contagious, places unvaccinated individuals at greater risk, and can possibly be asymptotically spread from vaccinated to unvaccinated individuals. Currently more than 50% of COVID-19 cases in the United States are from the Delta Variant.

In response, the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, ODH, and RPH recommend the following mitigating protocols for schools:

- Vaccination
- Social distancing indoors of 3 ft.
- Contact tracing in combination with quarantining and isolating suspected cases of COVID-19 on campus
- Increasing circulation of outside air
- Routine cleaning and sanitation
- Staying home when ill, exposed to COVID-19, and/or recovering from illness
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Wearing cloth face coverings indoors in times of substantial or high community spread, especially if unvaccinated



# THE ROLE OF FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

Our families play a vital role in ensuring safety on campus for the entire St. Peter's Community. We acknowledge that some of our community members are at greater risk of suffering from the severest forms of this virus and that it is our responsibility to prioritize their health and safety.

At this time, we ask families to be SPARTANS:

**S**tay home if sick or exposed to the virus.

**P**rovide any required PPE for your student such as face masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.

**A**dhere to federal, state, and local orders and recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**R**einforce good hygiene at home such as frequent hand washing.

**T**rack your student's health daily and never send them to school with a temperature of 100 or any symptoms of illness.

**A**void unnecessary travel to areas with high transmission rates.

**N**otify our office and Richland Public Health if your student or family member tests positive for COVID-19.

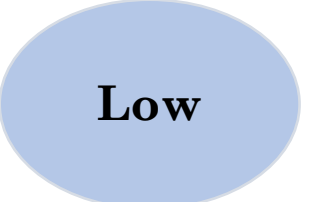

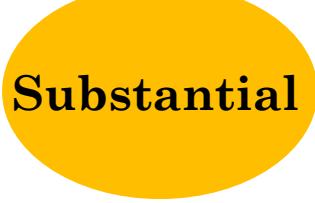



# CAMPUS COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Students learn best when they are consistently in the classroom. Because the current ODH/ RPH quarantine guidelines state that unvaccinated individuals must isolate and quarantine for 7-14 days when specific health and safety protocols are not instituted, St. Peter's will be implementing best practices that will allow students to remain in the classroom.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and its variants' impact on our students, St. Peter's administrators will monitor the CDC's weekly reported level of transmission for Richland County and campus-specific factors to base our protocols on the most up to date requirements and recommendations. Current county transmission data is available at [covid.cdc.gov](https://covid.cdc.gov)

Every effort will be made to notify parents as soon as possible via Spartan Alerts and Alma should a shift in protocols be necessary.

RICHLAND COUNTY LEVEL OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION	PROTOCOLS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No face coverings required for students, faculty, and staff.</li> <li>• All facilities open for regularly scheduled use.</li> <li>• Field trips, extracurriculars, and athletics proceed with traditional practices.</li> <li>• Visitors and volunteers welcome into the buildings.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face coverings recommended for unvaccinated individuals when indoors.</li> <li>• Maintain 3 ft. of social distancing for indoor activities.</li> <li>• Field trips, extracurriculars, and athletics proceed with health and safety protocols recommended/ enforced based on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Visitors and volunteers abiding by health and safety protocols welcome into buildings.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face coverings strongly recommended for all <b>only when indoors</b> regardless of vaccination status and may be required in certain areas/ circumstances if campus incident rates are high.</li> <li>• Maintain 3 ft. of social distancing for indoor activities.</li> <li>• Field trips, extracurriculars, and athletics proceed with health and safety protocols enforced based on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Visitors and volunteers abiding by health and safety protocols welcome when invited by school administration or by appointment.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face coverings required <b>only when indoors</b> regardless of vaccination status.</li> <li>• Maintain 3 ft. of social distancing for indoor activities.</li> <li>• Field trips, extracurriculars, and athletics reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Volunteer and visitor access to the buildings will be limited.</li> </ul>

# TECHNOLOGY/ REMOTE LEARNING

We look forward to welcoming all students back to campus this fall, recognizing that they learn best in classrooms with their peers. While a remote learning option will not be available this year, the continuity of learning for students who are ill and/ or quarantined remains a priority. Remote learning following the standards below will be provided for these students on a case-by-case basis with approval of the building principal.

- Remote classes, if necessary, will be taught by St. Peter's Faculty, ensuring curricular consistency and allowing for a seamless transition back into the classroom.
- iPads will be distributed to all K-12 students at the beginning of the year pre-loaded with all of the required apps and faculty will teach students how to use the required technology early in the school year to prepare for any circumstance requiring students to transition to remote learning.
- A combination of Google Classroom, Zoom, and Alma will be used and attendance will be taken daily.
- Educational videos will be offered to parents to help them support their students' distance learning.
- Wifi hotspots are available for families without internet access. Contact your building principal for additional information.





# TRANSPORTATION

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation will be provided from your home district. A registration form was sent out via Alma and must be returned to the office either via email or in person. If you are outside of Mansfield City School District, you will need to contact your home district directly to set up bussing. **Due to the federal mask mandate for public transportation, all students riding the bus must wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status.**

## DROP-OFF / SELF TRANSPORTATION

In all buildings, morning drop off and student self-transportation will follow the same procedures for parents and student drivers as last year. The elementary building will open at 7:15 a.m.

## DEPARTURE

Departure procedures will be similar to those established last year. With Montessori pick up in the Montessori parking lot, Elementary pick up in the Elementary lot, and Junior High/ High School pick up in the church parking lot. If you have students in multiple buildings, please contact one of our building office managers to arrange a pick-up location: Montessori/ Elementary, Kelly Brown, (419) 524- 2572 x4100 or JH/HS, Audrey Ralph, (419) 524-2572 x3100.





# SANITATION AND DEEP CLEANING

## HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS

A protocol has been developed for sanitizing high traffic areas and high touch surfaces throughout the day.

## VENTILATION

When possible, windows and classroom doors will be open to provide adequate ventilation.

## ELECTRIC ATOMIZER SPRAYER

All buildings will be equipped with a unit that can be used to sanitize classrooms, shared spaces, and high traffic areas.

## MONTESSORI CLASSROOMS

All areas will be sanitized and cleaned between sessions. Children will use hand sanitizer before and after handling shared works.

## ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS

All areas will be sanitized and cleaned after school. Students will sanitize hands before and after handling shared materials.

## JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

All areas will be sanitized and cleaned after school. All shared equipment in computer and science labs will be disinfected between students.



# CAFETERIA & FOOD SERVICE

## LUNCH K-12

St. Peter's is happy to provide free lunch for all students again this year. All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria during a staggered schedule by grade. Seating will be assigned and distanced 6 ft. Meals will need to be ordered in the morning in the classroom and will be picked up by students in the cafeteria. There will be no salad bar. Students will sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the cafeteria.

## LUNCH MONTESSORI PRE-K ENRICHMENT

Students will need to bring a packed lunch to school each day and will eat in the Montessori Enrichment Room to allow for physical distancing.

## WATER

All students will need to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Water refill stations are available throughout the buildings.

## MONTESSORI & ELEMENTARY SNACKS

All snacks need to be individually, pre-packaged.



# MASS, RECESS, AND SPECIAL SUBJECTS

## RECESS

Access to the outdoors is integral to providing a safe, supportive learning environment for our young students. Students will be washing/ sanitizing hands before and after recess and will be able to use all playground equipment.

## SCHOOL MASS

Weekly Mass will be held for students. To allow for social distancing, two separate Masses will be held each week– one for elementary students and one for JH/HS students. Except in times of high community transmission, parents and guardians are welcome to attend school Mass, but cannot sit in the student section.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education will be offered outdoors when weather permits. Distancing will be maintained during vigorous activity. All equipment used will be sanitized between uses, and students will sanitize hands before and after sharing equipment.

## MUSIC/ BAND

Faculty will be offering music education in line with current best practices for singing, instrument use, and sanitation. Appropriate distancing in accordance with CDC, ODH, and RPH guidelines will be maintained.





# EXTRACURRICULARS

## ATHLETICS

St. Peter's Athletic Director is working closely with the Ohio High School Athletic Association and monitoring changing mandates, guidelines, and requirements in order to provide a safe athletic environment. For questions regarding specific sports, please contact David Miller at [miller.david@myspartans.org](mailto:miller.david@myspartans.org) or (419) 524-2572 ext. 3105

The Spartan Soccer Club is also monitoring all health and safety guidelines for contact sports. Please contact Tracy Gasper for more information at [tracym1970@hotmail.com](mailto:tracym1970@hotmail.com) or visit their website at [clubs.bluesombrero.com/spartanssocceroh](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/spartanssocceroh).

## FIELD TRIPS/ RETREATS

Field trips and retreats support our school mission and enrich our academic offerings. Field trips will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if proper health and safety protocols are being practiced.

## ST. PETER'S DEPARTMENT OF THEATER AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Department of Theater and Performing Arts will follow the health and safety guidelines developed by Richland Public Health and the Ohio Department of Health.



# NURSE/ CLINIC/ ISOLATION

## FIRST AID

First Aid will be administered in wellness locations on campus that are not inhabited by students exhibiting signs of illness.

## MEDICATION DISTRIBUTION

Medicine will continue to be distributed in the main office of each building. Partitions have been installed in areas where 6 ft. of distancing is not possible.

## ISOLATION

Each campus building will have a separate isolation area for students exhibiting symptoms. Parents will be immediately notified and an emergency contact will need to pick the student up within the hour. Follow up care and procedures will be distributed at pick up.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING ILLNESS

All testing and contact tracing will be handled by Richland Public Health and strict confidentiality will be maintained. Quarantining procedures and return to campus procedures will follow the scenarios outlined in Richland Public Health's "Possible Scenarios to Consider."

## DON'T FEEL WELL? STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

Tell your mom, dad, or caregiver before you come to school. Tell your teacher or an adult if you become sick at school



cough



Shortness of breath  
or problem breathing



chills



sore throat



loss of taste  
or smell



muscle pain

## OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous  
or vomiting, feeling tired, headache,  
and poor appetite



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

# RICHLAND PUBLIC HEALTH'S QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

**“QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSED STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER THEY ARE VACCINATED OR NOT. CONSEQUENTLY, IF A SCHOOL IS PRESENTED WITH A SITUATION IN WHICH CONTACT TRACING INDICATES THAT VACCINATED AND/OR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, LOCAL OR STATE HEALTH ORDERS MAY REQUIRE THAT AN UNVACCINATED STUDENT REMAIN HOME FROM SCHOOL DURING THE QUARANTINE PERIOD AND ALLOW A VACCINATED STUDENT TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL AND NOT QUARANTINE.**

**ALTHOUGH HB 244, EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 11, 2021, PROHIBITS ALL PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN OHIO FROM REQUIRING VACCINES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ONLY EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZED (EUA) OR CREATING DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE FOR REPORTING, NOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE MEASURES AS OUTLINED IN THE ODH-IDCM.”**

- **If an individual is exposed to a COVID-19 case in the classroom setting without masking and social distancing, they are required to quarantine for 14 days** from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated. Contacts are NOT permitted to attend in person school or participate in extracurricular activities.
- **If full prevention measures remain in place, modified school quarantine can be implemented.** If an individual is exposed to a COVID-19 case in the classroom setting and both the case and contact were masked and social distanced, the contact is permitted to attend in person school and participate in extracurricular activities regardless of vaccination status. Contacts should quarantine outside of school for 14 days from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated.
- **Close contacts of a COVID-19 case that are exposed outside of the classroom setting are required to quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated.**

- **Fully vaccinated individuals are NOT required to quarantine, regardless of where they were exposed or the prevention measures in place.** They should monitor for symptoms for 14 days from their last exposure to the infected individual, and isolate immediately if they develop symptoms.

\*Note: RPH continues to recommend 14-day quarantine. A 10-day or 7-day modified quarantine is permitted, with restrictions. See Options to Reduce Quarantine, CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html> for details.



# QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

We understand our updated plan may not answer all of your questions. Rest assured, we will continue to keep you updated as this plan develops. While our goal is to see all students, faculty, and staff back on campus for a more normal fall, we recognize that every situation is unique and that some individuals have personal health situations that put them at increased risk for COVID-19. If your student(s) is immunocompromised or if you have particular concerns about their return to campus, please contact your building principal.

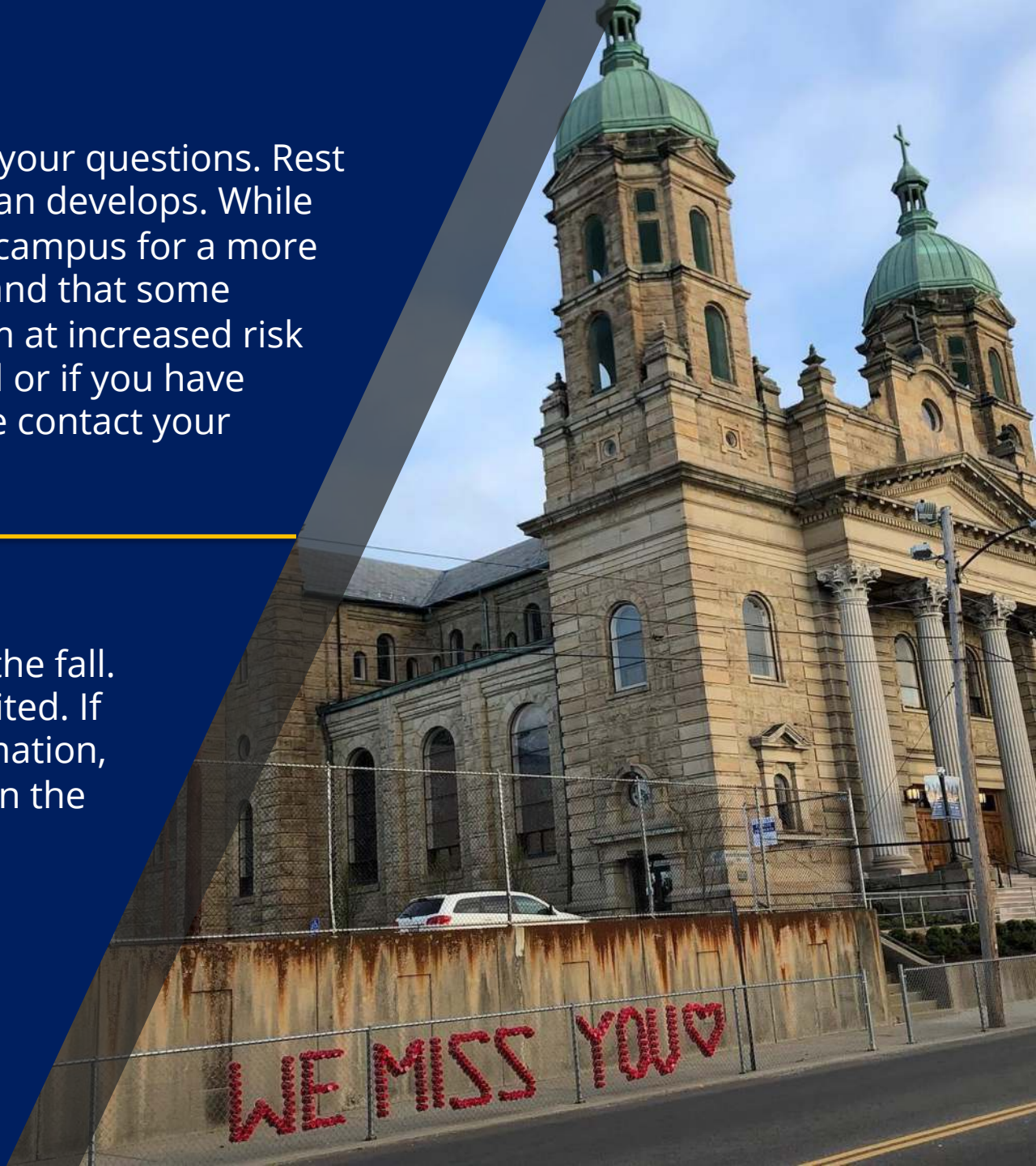
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## ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Peter's School is currently accepting applications for the fall. However, due to our commitment to safety, space is limited. If you are interested in enrolling or would like more information, please contact the appropriate building principal to begin the application process.

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