

SY 2021-22 LEA Health and Safety Plans

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Background and Purpose

[OSSE's Health and Safety Guidance for Schools](#) is issued for LEAs and private, parochial and independent schools (schools). LEAs and schools must develop and submit to OSSE comprehensive health and safety plans. This plan is intended to provide the public with information on how the School will support the safe reopening and operation of school buildings, including guidelines on masking, social distancing, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, and appropriate response to a positive COVID-19 case.

OSSE reviewed each School's responses to the questions for clarity, completeness, and compliance with the DC Health and OSSE health and safety guidance for schools and provided feedback to the School. Before publication, School's were given the opportunity to revise their responses based on OSSE's feedback. LEAs and schools are responsible for incorporating additional or updated public health guidance into their policies and procedures throughout the school year as such guidance is released.

Face Masks

1. Provide the School's plan to comply with the requirements to:

- a. except for specific circumstances (e.g., while eating) articulated in OSSE's guidance, all students, staff and visitors, including those who are fully vaccinated, must wear non-medical face coverings or face masks at all times while on school grounds, on school buses and while participating in any school-related activities, including physical education and sports; and
- b. masks must be worn correctly.

Faculty, staff, students, and approved visitors, including those who are fully vaccinated, must wear face masks correctly upon entering school and throughout the day.

2. Provide the School's policies and procedures in the event that a student, staff member, or visitor is unable or unwilling to wear a face mask at all times.

If student, faculty, staff, or visitor is unable or unwilling to wear a face mask, they will not be granted admittance or will be sent home.

3. Provide the School's policies and procedures to support physical distancing between individuals and within and across groups, including in classrooms, common spaces, during arrival and dismissal procedures, and during extracurricular activities.

Physical distancing of 3 feet between students will be maintained while in the classrooms.

Physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained while in school: between all adults, between students and adults, during mealtimes, while in common areas, between cohorts/classrooms, and during outdoor activities

4. Provide the School's policies and procedures regarding the use of cohorts for students and/or staff, including steps to minimize interactions between cohorts, as applicable.

Faculty, staff, and students must maintain social distancing from each other and remain in their designated cohorts.

Specials teachers will rotate among the classes. Students will remain in their homeroom class throughout the day.

For recess, students will be given a designated area to play and will be capped at two groups who must be 30 feet apart in their designated outdoor space.

5. Provide the School's policies and procedures to support handwashing and respiratory etiquette including

frequent, proper handwashing strategies and encouraging covering coughs and sneezes.

St. Peter School will reinforce frequent, proper handwashing strategies by staff and students, to include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Key times to perform hand hygiene include:

- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- After using the restroom;
- Before eating or preparing food;
- Before and after putting on, touching, or removing face masks or touching your face;
- After removing gloves;
- After playing outside;
- Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance (e.g., a child);
- After touching frequently touched areas (e.g., doorknobs, handrails).

St. Peter School will encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue when not wearing a mask. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or if soap and water is unavailable, cleaned with hand sanitizer.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in every classroom and throughout the building to encourage proper sanitary cleaning.

6. Provide the School's plan to make available adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues) to support healthy hygiene practices including, as relevant, in classrooms, bathrooms, offices and common spaces.

The school's full-time custodian and a commercial cleaning company who work day and evening, clean, disinfect, and are responsible for restocking supplies (e.g., hand sanitizer, toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels). The supply company ensures we have all essential supplies available with bi-weekly deliveries.

7. Provide the School's policies and procedures to acquire, distribute and support the appropriate use of PPE including gowns/coveralls, gloves, surgical masks, eye protection (face shield or goggles) and N95 masks, as relevant and necessary.

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors will provide their own masks to wear while in the building.

As we understand students need to be comfortable with their mask, we ask that each family send in two additional cloth face masks for their child to be left in the classroom in case one becomes soiled or lost.

Faculty and staff will provide their own face mask. They will be provided a face shield to wear with their mask when social or physical distance of 6 feet is not possible throughout the school day.

The School Nurse is the staff member who wears the full PPE when necessary. The school has a supply of gowns, surgical face masks, face shields, and surgical gloves.

Maintain Clean and Healthy Facilities

8. Provide the School's schedule for routine cleaning of rooms, surfaces and objects, including high touch objects and surfaces (e.g., pens, keyboards, elevator buttons, light switches, handles, stair rails, faucets, phones, doorknobs, grab bars on playgrounds).

Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing will take place throughout the day. The day and evening cleaning crews will clean and disinfect all touched surfaces throughout the day with approved cleaning products, and every member of the community has a role to play in maintaining a clean school.

The custodians' schedule includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Before faculty, staff, and children arrive for the day
- Tables and chairs before and after meals and activities
- Bathroom surfaces such as sinks, faucets, and toilets after use. Bathrooms will be cleaned throughout the day.
- All surfaces including touchpoints around the classroom
- Shelving units, doorknobs, handrails, light switches, and other frequently touched surfaces
- Hand sanitizing stations will be kept full throughout the school
- Restocking all necessary supplies (e.g., toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels, tissues)

Desks will be cleaned by faculty and staff with disinfectant wipes at the completion of each class session and prior to the beginning of each class session. All desks and classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized by our commercial cleaning service at the end of each day.

9. Provide the School's cleaning and disinfecting protocols in the event that (1) a student, staff member, or visitor develops symptoms of possible COVID-19 while in the school; or (2) if the school is notified that a student, staff member or visitor who tested positive has been in the school.

The area or areas in which the student or staff member was present is disinfected and sanitized immediately and again in the evening.

10. Provide the School's plan to make available sufficient and appropriate cleaning and disinfection supplies.

The cleaning and cleaning supply companies ensure their employees have the appropriate cleaning and disinfecting supplies as well as gloves.

11. Provide the School's plan to perform necessary maintenance to ventilation and water systems and features (e.g., sink faucets, drinking fountains, decorative fountains) so that they are ready for use and occupancy and are adequately maintained throughout the operating period.

Each August, the water lines for the water dispensers, sinks, and toilets are cleared, and new filters installed in the water dispensers. In addition, the ventilation system is rebalanced and filters replaced.

Response to a Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Case

12. Describe the School's policies and procedures to:

- **a. Comply with the requirement to not admit or to dismiss any student, staff member or visitor who is COVID-19 positive or otherwise meets criteria for exclusion, per OSSE's guidance; and**
- **b. Dismiss any individual or cohort that is potentially exposed to COVID-19 within the school setting.**

Students or staff exhibiting COVID-like symptoms not caused by a medically documented pre-existing health condition will be moved to the Nurse's isolation clinic. The school will contact the student's parents to pick up her/his child immediately. The faculty or staff member will plan to go home immediately. The area in which the student or staff member was present is disinfected and sanitized immediately and again in the evening.

All SPS Faculty and Staff are fully vaccinated, but they are required to notify the Principal and Nurse directly of any COVID-19 symptoms developed after close contact to positive COVID-19 cases. Parents are required to inform the Nurse of any positive student cases of COVID-19 or student family cases of COVID-19 or close contacts to COVID-19 positive cases. Parents are also asked to inform the Principal and Nurse of family travel outside of the DMV area.

13. Provide the School's plan to comply with the requirements to:

- **a. Identify a staff member as the COVID-19 point of contact (POC) to whom families, staff, contractors and vendors should report a positive case of COVID-19 and who is responsible for reporting positive cases of COVID-19 to DC Health;**
- **b. Report any applicable positive COVID-19 case in a student, staff member or essential visitor to DC Health on the same day the school is notified;**
- **c. Not exclude students or staff with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms on the basis of those specific symptoms, if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19.**

Our School Nurse is the point of contact for any and all COVID-19 related illnesses as well as non-COVID-19 related illnesses.

Students, staff, and visitors exhibiting symptoms will not be admitted and cannot attend school.

14. Provide the School's procedures to support DC Health with contact tracing in the event of a positive case of COVID-19.

The Nurse will notify the Principal of any identified cases of COVID-19 and those in quarantine due to exposure. They will inform the ADW CSO of any positive COVID-19 cases in the school. The Nurse will send a report to DC Health of any reported positive COVID-19 cases who were present in school during their infectious period. The Nurse will work with the Principal to provide proper communication to the school community for COVID-19 cases and schedule modifications.

Any individuals in school who are considered possible close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 positive person will remain at home to quarantine or be dismissed from school to quarantine until DC Health is able to complete the case investigation.

15. Describe how the School will notify the school community, as appropriate, of the positive case and corresponding actions taken by the School.

Once DC Health notifies our Nurse, the Nurse then will work with the Principal to provide proper communication to the applicable school community members for COVID-19 cases and schedule modifications.

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines

16. If applicable, describe the School's current or planned COVID-19 testing protocol for symptomatic and/or asymptomatic students and/or staff, including steps the School will take to encourage participation in the testing program. Please include the School's plan to ensure that results of such testing programs are reported to DC Health per DC Health's COVID-19 reporting requirements: dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements.

Daily health screenings will begin at home: all faculty, staff, and parents of students will perform daily health screening at home before coming to school by using the MyMedBot health screening app.

Any individual who has symptoms of COVID-19, or who is required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure, will not enter the school. This includes students, faculty, staff, and any visitors. All faculty, staff, students, and parents will be reminded of the common symptoms of COVID-19: fever (subjective or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or otherwise feeling unwell.

Faculty, staff, and students who screen positive for any COVID-19 symptoms must stay home. They must not return until they are well, fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication) and provide the school Nurse with a health provider's note to return to school and/or a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.

Any person who presents with any of the above symptoms while in school will go home immediately and be instructed to contact their licensed healthcare provider for further COVID-19 evaluation and possible testing. Parents also will be reminded that students must not be given a fever-suppressant before going to school.

All symptomatic individuals must follow DC Health testing protocol and be tested at an approved location. Staff should and parents should email the results of their child's test to the school nurse and principal.

17. Provide the School's plans to support COVID-19 vaccination of staff and students, as eligible, including efforts to encourage participation in public and community-based vaccination opportunities.

All faculty and staff are fully vaccinated. When new staff are hired, they will be encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. As children become eligible, we will encourage parents to vaccinate their children. Finally, we will continue to encourage unvaccinated parents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Students with Disabilities

18. Provide the School's plans to provide appropriate accommodations to students with disabilities with respect to its health and safety policies and procedures.

The Resource teachers anticipates student needs will be varied and potentially increased after the school building closure in the Spring 2020. Both the Resource teachers and mental health counselor will work with Student Assistance Team (SAT) to identify individual students who may need extra resources and provide targeted support for all students to find success in learning.

Resource teachers will continue supporting students, as well as help faculty and staff to ensure accommodations are navigated successfully in the school environment.

Training, Technical Assistance, and Monitoring

19. Please provide the School's plan to provide training and technical assistance on its policies and procedures to safely reopen schools in accordance with the DC Health Guidance for Schools and the OSSE Health and Safety Guidance for Schools, including:

- **a. who will receive training and technical assistance; while on school grounds, on school buses and while participating in any school-related activities, including physical education and sports; and**
- **b. the topics that the training and technical assistance will address; and**
- **c. how and by whom the training and technical assistance will be delivered.**

The School Nurse teaches faculty, staff, and students proper handwashing technique and encouraged to use optimal healthy hygiene practices, including frequent handwashing and the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers to prevent infections and reduce the number of viable pathogens that contaminate the hands. She also instructs staff and students on proper glove and mask removal. Finally, she will coordinate CPR/First Aid/AED training for staff members with expiring certification.

20. Provide the School's plan to monitor the implementation of the health and safety plans at each campus, including how, when and by whom the implementation will be monitored, and how the School will respond if a given campus is not adhering to the plan.

We self monitor as we are on one campus and update plans as required by DC Health. The Principal informs the Pastor and School Advisory Board of any updates.

21. Describe the School's plans to communicate key health and safety policies and procedures to students, families, staff and visitors.

The Principal, faculty, and staff provide appropriate announcements and updates through a variety of modalities like the school website, social media, weekly newsletters, and Zoom Town Halls to reach the various stakeholders.