



Campus Repopulating Plan
Academic Year 2021/2022

The following plans are predicated largely on the [California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California](#), 2021-22 School Year updated on August 2nd, 2021. These plans are subject to update or revision at any time according to the evolving state sanctioned recommendations and updated guidance for repopulating schools. All decisions about following this plan will be made in collaboration with local health officials, and other authorities.

The mission of St. Paul's School is to provide a learning experience of high academic standards in a Christian environment; where children can develop their intellectual abilities and their sense of self-worth and responsibility; and where students, parents, and staff form a close, caring community where all support and share in each other's growth.

For 53 years, this mission statement has served the students, staffuly, and families of St. Paul's School well, and it will continue to do so this year as we eagerly anticipate a return to school this fall. Our reopening team has worked diligently to put in place a repopulating plan that maintains fidelity to our mission and prioritizes the health and safety of our students, staffuly, and extended school community. Although when taken as a whole our plan can seem somewhat overwhelming, it is important to keep the following four considerations in mind as we approach repopulating St. Paul's School this fall.

- I. The most important action our community can take this fall to ensure that St. Paul's School remains open for in person classes is to actively and ethically participate in our daily health screenings, and keep kids home if they are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19. St. Paul's School will ask that families screen their students from home so that reentry to campus each morning can be done safely and efficiently.
- II. The second most important mitigation strategy we can employ is effective hand hygiene and daily facilities cleaning. Teaching kids proper hand hygiene begins at home with families, and will continue each day at school. St. Paul's School will continue to outsource our janitorial needs this year to ensure adequate and appropriate disinfection on a daily basis. Our campus and classrooms will be cleaner than ever; let's make sure we can say that about our kids' hands as well.
- III. The third most important mitigation strategy we can employ is responsible use of face coverings. The California Department of Public Health requires the use of masks or face



shields for all faculty, staff, volunteers, and students 2 years of age and older. Please see that your children attend school each day with a mask. We will have masks on hand in the event of lost or damaged masks, but your help here will be essential to our school's success.

- IV. It is imperative that our community understands that the most vulnerable population on campus this next fall will be our unvaccinated population, and we will continue to prioritize their health.

What follows are the specific measures that St. Paul's School will undertake to address the challenges to repopulating schools amidst the global pandemic. Although comprehensive, the following plan does not cover every minute detail, and as stated before, is subject to change with evolving understandings and changes in public health policy related to the repopulation of schools.

1. General Measures

- a. St. Paul's School will continue to consider the direct school population as well as the surrounding community. The primary factors to consider include:
 - i. Level of community transmission of COVID-19;
 - ii. COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students, faculty, and staff; and
 - iii. Any local COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends. Discussion of these factors will occur in collaboration with local or state public health partners.
- b. As the CDC explained in its July 9, 2021 Guidance:
 - i. "Schools will have a mixed population of both people who are fully vaccinated and people who are not fully vaccinated. . . These variations require K-12 administrators to make decisions about the use of COVID-19 prevention strategies in their schools to protect people who are not fully vaccinated. . . Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19."
- c. In an effort to streamline and tailor this decision-making process for the California context, guidance regarding each of the measures that can be used in a layered prevention strategy is provided below.



2. Safe Measures for St. Paul's School

a. Masks:

- i. Masks are optional outdoors.
- ii. Students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions per CDPH face mask guidance. Adults in the School settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
- iii. Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.
- iv. St Paul's School will provide a face covering to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school to prevent unnecessary exclusions.
- v. St. Paul's School will continue to offer alternative educational opportunities for students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering.
- vi. In situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield with a drape (per CDPH guidelines) or a clear plastic mask will be used for pedagogical purposes.

b. Physical distancing:

- i. Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., masking) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance.

c. Ventilation recommendations:

- i. For indoor spaces, ventilation will be optimized to the extent permissible by climate and weather conditions.

d. Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested:

- i. St. Paul's School will follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested from the CDC.
- ii. St. Paul's School will encourage testing for COVID-19 when symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.



- iii. St. Paul's School staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection will not return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
 - 1. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
 - 2. Other symptoms have improved; and
 - 3. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.

- e. Surveillance testing:
 - i. St. Paul's School faculty and staff will continue to undergo biweekly surveillance testing throughout the year.
 - ii. Parents who are interested in having their students surveillance tested at the School for no cost can make arrangements with Corinne Ramsey.

- f. Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation:
 - i. Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department.
 - ii. Corinne Ramsey will act as the COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with contact tracing and investigation.

- g. Quarantine recommendations for vaccinated close contacts:
 - i. For those who are vaccinated, St. Paul's School will follow the [CDPH Fully Vaccinated People Guidance](#) regarding quarantine.

- h. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact.
 - i. When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems), unvaccinated students who are close



contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

1. Are asymptomatic;
 2. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
 3. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
 4. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.
- i. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure.
- i. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 1. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; OR
 2. Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen is collected after Day 5 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.
 3. To discontinue quarantine before 14 days following last known exposure, asymptomatic close contacts must:
 - a. Continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms through Day 14 from last known exposure; AND
 - b. Follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask when around others, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure.
 - c. If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.
- j. Hand hygiene:



- i. The School will reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
 - ii. The School will promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, or removing gloves.
 - iii. The School will ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trash cans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.
- k. St Paul's School will comply with the following cleaning recommendations:
- i. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.
 - ii. If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.
- l. Food service recommendations:
- i. St Paul's School will arrange for eating outdoors as much as feasible.
 - ii. The School will clean frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that come in contact with food will be washed, rinsed, and sanitized before and after meals.
 - iii. Given very low risk of transmission from surfaces and shared objects, there is no need to limit food service approaches to single use items and packaged meals.
- m. COVID-19 Safety Planning Transparency Recommendations:
- i. In order to build trust in the school community and support successful return to school, St. Paul's School will follow best practice to provide transparency to the school community regarding the school's safety plans. The School will post a safety plan, communicating the safety measures in place for 2021-22, on our website and at school, and disseminate to families in advance of the start of the school year.