



St. John the Baptist School- Kenmore, NY

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

as of August 11, 2021 and subject to updates as needed

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Student Arrival and Dismissal

Masks are not required while outside on school grounds, but all individuals are asked to maintain proper social distancing during arrival and dismissal. **Parents and guardians MAY NOT pull into the parking lot during arrival or dismissal.**

Please see the Arrival and Dismissal procedures for details, including times, for all grade levels.

Social Distancing

St. John's will ensure that safe social distancing of 3 feet is maintained between individuals while inside the school building, unless the nature of the activity (e.g. using an elevator, travelling in the hallways, etc.) requires a shorter distance.

Masks

All individuals must wear a proper face covering, covering both the mouth and nose at all times whenever inside the school building, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings are required to be worn by all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, especially when in a congregate setting indoors. St. John's has a supply of both adult and child-sized disposable masks should a student, faculty, staff member, or visitor not have a face covering.

When classes are outside, students, faculty, and staff may remove face coverings. Face coverings must be put back on prior to entering the school building.

Faculty will provide students with frequent mask breaks throughout the day. In order to take a mask break, students must be seated at least 3 feet away from one another. Students are also encouraged to take frequent drinks of water and ask for additional mask breaks as needed.



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Lunch/Cafeteria

Students may eat at a distance of 3 feet, without masks. Masks will be worn in the lunch line and whenever students are moving around the cafeteria, including when walking to and from their tables at the beginning and end of lunch. Depending upon space constraints, some classes may eat in their classrooms.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Personal Hygiene

St. John's will adhere to any cleaning, sanitizing, and hygiene procedures outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State Department of Health, and Erie County Department of Health. Procedures include, but are not limited to:

- Regular instruction in proper hand washing and hand sanitizing, respiratory hygiene, face mask use, and proper social distancing
- Daily sanitizing of bathrooms, classrooms, and common areas using misting sanitizing sprayers and sanitizing solution

Health Screening

Faculty and staff will complete a daily health screening, including temperature check, upon arrival to school each morning. Students will undergo a temperature screening each morning upon arrival to school. Parents are required to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19 each day. If any symptoms arise, including a temperature above 100°F, parents should keep the student home and follow protocols listed in the section, "*Symptoms of COVID-19*".

Symptoms of COVID-19

Should a student, faculty, or staff member exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, that individual will immediately be placed in isolation. Parents will be called by the St. John's health office to pick the student up from school. Faculty or staff will be immediately sent home.

Individuals who exhibit symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for further instructions. In order to return to school, the individual must meet one of the following requirements:

- A negative COVID-19 test
- A note from a healthcare provider, documenting an alternate diagnosis
- Completion of a 10-day quarantine



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Positive Cases/Contact Tracing

Any student, faculty, or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform the school administration and school health office immediately. All procedures and protocols will be followed immediately to mitigate the spread of the virus as guided by the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) . St. John's will notify the ECDOH of positive case(s) and the health department will spearhead the school contract tracing with school support. In order to assist in contact tracing, all students will have assigned seats in classrooms and the cafeteria.

Absences Due to Quarantine or Isolation

If a student is absent for an extended period of time due to a ECDOH directed quarantine or isolation, the student's teachers will collect any work that the student misses. Work and materials will be available after dismissal each day at the Flagpole Door. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students to make up and submit missing work upon their return to school.