



2021-2022 School Year Pandemic Protocol

The leadership team at St. Joseph Parish School has worked diligently to provide a plan to keep all members of the SJPS family safe and in school for the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to follow guidelines provided by the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department. The list of strategies below the table will be used to continue to provide a safe and healthy school environment.

The following chart provided by the Washington Ozaukee Health Department will be used to determine the extent of the mitigation strategies used at SJPS throughout the 2021-22 school year.

COVID-19 Community Transmission Level & Percent Fully Vaccinated Guideline for Ozaukee County

	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
Total New Cases Per 100,000	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥ 100
OR				
Percent Fully Vaccinated	>70%	70-60%	60-50%	<50%
Total Number of Mitigation Strategies Recommended	2	4	6	8
SJPS Mitigation Strategies Used	1-5	1-5	1-6	1-8

List of mitigation strategies recommended by Washington Ozaukee Health Department that St. Joseph Parish School will use to decrease the risk of transmission:

1. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
2. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
3. Ventilation
4. Contact tracing in combination with isolation of positive cases
5. Screening and testing to promptly identify cases, clusters, and outbreaks
6. Consistent and correct use of masks during substantial and high burden
7. Physical distancing maximized to the greatest extent possible
8. Promoting vaccination

*****According to the Washington/Ozaukee Health Department COVID-19 Risk Status, we are currently in the **High burden category**. If the county still ranks in the HIGH or SUBSTANTIAL category at the end of August, students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, until the risk level is reduced to MODERATE or LOW. Updates will be provided via Remind text in the event that there is a change to our masking protocol.*****

Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be **required** in the building when the burden is **Substantial** or **High** in Ozaukee County based on the Washington/Ozaukee Health Department *COVID-19 Risk Status* located here: <https://www.washozwi.gov/>
- Face coverings will be **optional** when the burden is **Low** or **Moderate** in Ozaukee County.
- Face Coverings will not be required outdoors.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn on busses as is required by Federal law.

School Environment

- Pre-COVID/regular school schedules, events, and activities including pick-up and drop off procedures.
- Elimination of cohorting.
- Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- St. Joseph Parish School will gradually reopen to visitors and classroom volunteers. All visitors must abide by current masking requirements.
- Field Trips will be allowed with principal approval.

Virtual Learning

- A virtual learning option will only be provided for students who provide the school office with a written excuse from a doctor.
- Virtual learning will be synchronous, with live interaction with teachers and students in the physical classroom.
- Parents will be required to pick up any materials their child will need on a regular basis.
- Virtual students will **not** be eligible for in-person extracurricular activities.

Mitigation Measures

- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities.
- Nightly deep cleaning of common areas.
- Continued use of bipolar ionization machines in each classroom and throughout the building.
- Periodic disinfecting of common touch points throughout the day.
- Classroom windows will be open to provide outside air.
- Outside instruction will be encouraged as weather permits.
- Handwashing and hand sanitizer will be utilized on a regular basis.
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation of positive cases.

Contact Tracing

- Parents will be notified if a student in their child's classroom has tested positive for COVID. Families can then determine if they will practice self-quarantining.

Quarantining

- Students who test positive for COVID will follow health department guidelines for quarantining (10 days from positive test and fever free for 24 hours).
- Students who are quarantined due to a positive COVID test will be provided materials for asynchronous learning within 48 hours after notifying the school.
- Students who come in contact with a positive COVID case outside the school will be required to quarantine (7 day quarantine with a negative test or full 10 days without a test).

Enhanced Symptom Monitoring

- Students and/or staff with viral symptoms should stay home and are encouraged to get tested before returning to school if symptomatic. Students and staff should be symptom free, unmedicated, for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students presenting with viral symptoms will be asked to wear a face covering and will be isolated until they can be picked up.
- SJPS would like to thank all parents for their due diligence during the 2020-2021 school year for monitoring and keeping students home when they were under the weather.

Temporary Virtual Learning - Provided only in the following situations.

- Quarantine due to positive COVID test or exposure to a positive COVID case.
- Extended medical absence (e.g. surgery).
- Not available for absences due to vacations.

Athletics

- SJPS athletics teams will follow all protocols of the schools they visit.
- Coaches will notify players of opponent school policies regarding masking and spectators prior to game date.