



Assessing the Severity of the Disease

The Regional School will work with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to determine the degree of risk due to the spread of the virus in the local community throughout the school year.

Three different sets of considerations may be needed depending on the degree of severity posed by the disease in our area.

SUBSTANTIAL SPREAD is a large scale community transmission, with healthcare staffing significantly impacted with multiple cases within our school.

MODERATE SPREAD is a widespread or sustained transmission with high likelihood of confirmed exposure within our school setting, involving a potential for rapid increase with suspected cases.

MINIMAL SPREAD is evidenced by isolated cases or limited transmission, with case investigations underway, but no cases of exposure in our school setting.

In the case of **SUBSTANTIAL SPREAD** the Regional School will follow strict procedures to ensure the well-being of staff and students, including but not limited to:

- Strict social distancing guidelines
- Strict cleaning and disinfection procedures
- Symptom screenings and education
- Reduction of non-essential school activities
- Encouragement to use face masks
- If necessary, the employment of distance/remote learning methods

In the case of **MODERATE SPREAD** the Regional School will focus on strict infection control procedures including but not limited to:

- Continued social distancing guidelines
- Strict cleaning and disinfection procedures
- Symptom screening and education
- Hand and hygiene and education
- Encouragement to use face masks

SETON REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL and MOTHER SETON PRESCHOOL

POLICIES and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL OPENING FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Here are outlined policies and recommendations for SETON REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL and MOTHER SETON PRESCHOOL as we prepare for a new school year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and their families are our first priority, while keeping in mind the complex and unique needs of the educational process.

It is essential that everyone understand that the current COVID-19 pandemic is a situation which is continuously evolving and will require us to be prepared for various degrees of response which will be dependent upon the local severity of the disease.

These recommendations are aligned with advice provided by state and federal officials.

In the case of **MINIMAL SPREAD** the Regional School will focus on illness prevention and education including but not limited to:

- Continued social distancing guidelines
- Strict Cleaning and disinfection procedures
- Symptoms screening and education
- Hand and hygiene education

Infection Control and Disease Prevention

It is essential that the Regional School enforce a strict protocol for the prevention and identification of illness in our facility.

DAILY SYMPTOMS SCREENINGS

Staff, faculty, students, volunteers and essential visitors in the Regional School will be assessed daily for possible COVID-19 symptoms.

- Parents must first take their child's temperature prior to departure from home each day, and if it exceeds 100.4 degrees F the child must be kept home.
- Each student must also have their temperature taken prior to entering the school building.
- This screening process must be repeated prior to the lunch period, and yet again if the child is to remain for Aftercare.

SYMPTOMS SCREENING, besides a temperature below 100.4 degrees F should preclude:

- Subjective Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If one or more of these symptoms is present, the student must not enter the school building until 72 hours after all symptoms have been resolved.

All families are encouraged to seek testing either through a primary care provider, Urgent Care, or the St. Charles County Department of Public Health.

Please note a temperature check alone is not an appropriate way of assessing COVID-19 symptoms.

SANITATION and HYGIENE

Measures to be followed in the Regional School to implement appropriate hand hygiene and sanitation include:

- All students will be required to wear a face mask arriving and departing school, and whenever moving through the building.
- Good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, the importance of facial coverings and social distancing must all be taught and reinforced as often as possible.
- Breaks during the day must be provided to allow hand hygiene and to sanitize work and learning environments appropriately.
- Shared objects must be disinfected after each use.
- Staff and students are encouraged to bring and use face masks and hand sanitizer in their classrooms and whenever social distancing is not possible.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing (preferably 6 feet apart whenever possible) will be implemented in all school activities.

- All unnecessary furniture has been removed to allow more space for social distancing in the classroom proper.
- All congregating of students and staff in common areas must be discouraged.
- Unnecessary physical contact between individuals (handshakes, high-fives, and hugs) must be discouraged.
- Mixing of classes in the hallway will be kept to a minimum.

- Social distancing in the Cafeteria, Gymnasium, and Church must be practiced.
- Mandatory assigned seating will be used in all Classrooms, the Cafeteria, and the Church.

CAFETERIA PRACTICE

- All cafeteria staff must wear face masks at all times while preparing and serving meals.
- Hand sanitizer must be used by all students and staff before and after meals.
- The cafeteria's high-touch surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized before each lunch period.
- Mother Seton Preschool students will remain in their classrooms for the lunch period.

Procedure For A Potential COVID-19 Case

MANAGING SYMPTOMS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

In the event someone becomes ill while at school, steps must be taken to minimize exposure to others.

- As soon as symptoms are identified, the student must be separated from others and arrangements made to have him/her taken home as soon as possible.
- If the student cannot leave immediately, a staff member wearing appropriate personal protective equipment will attend him/her in the designated isolation room to await transportation home, and then this room must be immediately and thoroughly sanitized.

REPORTING SYMPTOMS TO HEALTH AUTHORITIES

- Contact tracing information must be taken, the name, address, and phone number of anyone who was in close contact with the symptomatic person for at least 15 minutes or more, during the two days prior to the onset of symptoms.
- The school administration will contact the St. Charles County Department of Public

Health to inform them of the possible case and to prepare for follow-up.

- The school administration will ensure that there is a follow-up plan for testing the student either through a primary care provider, Urgent Care or the St. Charles County Department of Public Health.

**St. Charles County COVID-19 Hotline:
636-939-1899**

**St. Charles Communicable Disease Fax:
636-949-7414**

The Seton Regional Catholic School will work in close conjunction with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to determine the extent of exposure and to develop a plan to prevent and stop infection in our school.

FURTHER RESOURCES

- ***CDC Considerations for School Reopening:***
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>
- ***MSBA Pandemic Recovery Considerations:***
<https://ams.embr.mobi/Documents/DocumentAttachment.aspx?C=ZfON&DID=GJGDM&fbclid=IwAR2pXKR9jWDPi3Nw9kokXo3Dfk7oAfZOMJILiVRcTEntEMtLmYuHzgRgYVQ>
- ***DESE Covid-19 Information:***
<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>
- ***St Charles County Sample Screening Policy:***
<https://www.sccmo.org/DocumentCenter/View/15560/Sample-Screening-Policy-PDF>
- ***EPA List- N for SARS-CoV-2:***
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>