

# **SETON REGIONAL SCHOOL and Mother Seton Preschool COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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**\*Subject to change as local regulations change**

## **General Procedures and Precautions**

**The following policies and procedures are intended to help reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. They are guided by supporting the overall health and well-being of all children, their families, and our community.**

### **BEFORE SCHOOL PRECAUTIONS**

- **Parents are asked to monitor their children for any symptoms that are associated with the COVID-19 virus. Students experiencing fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose (not allergy related) nausea or vomiting, diarrhea should not be brought to school.**
- **Parents are encouraged to check each child's temperature daily. Per the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics, any child with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should remain at home.**
- **Students who have come into contact with someone who is suspected of being COVID-19 positive should not come to school until they can satisfy the sick policy listed below.**

### **DAILY PRECAUTIONS/CLEANING PROCEDURES**

- **Face masks are optional at the discretion of the parents.**
- **Teachers/staff will wear masks for a majority of the day.**
- **Social distancing will be observed when possible. The schedule has been set up to lessen the amount of movement in the building whenever possible.**
- **Disinfectant spray will be used three times a day. Busier areas of the building will be cleaned more frequently throughout the day.**
- **Student desks, chairs and other surfaces will be cleaned daily.**
- **Seating charts will be used for each homeroom.**
- **Pre-K will eat lunch in their homerooms. Students K-8 will be spread out with seating assignments that match their classroom seats for lunch in the cafeteria. A hot lunch through Food Service will be offered like last year. Recess time will include designated areas for grade levels to utilize.**
- **Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school with their names clearly marked on the container.**

- At dismissal the students will be leaving the building through five exit areas. Grades 4-5 (Door 15), 6-8 (Door 7), 3 (Door 10), K-2 (Door 11) and Pre (Door 12).
- If a student becomes sick at school, we will limit the child to a room by themselves until a parent can come to pick the student up. When the parent arrives, we will escort the student to the car rather than have parents come into the building.
- All visitors will be limited to only those who are essential. Visitors are asked to follow the same before school precautions as our students.

## **SICK POLICY**

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19, they may return to school only when they have satisfied the policy listed below. Students may also return if they are approved to do so, in writing, by their health care provider.

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### **UNTESTED:**

: A student who has a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting must be free of these symptoms for 72 hours before returning to school.

### **TESTED:**

: If a student gets COVID-19 the school will notify the families of students in same class.

The St. Charles County Health Department will perform contact tracing and provide instruction to individuals and their families who may have had extended close contact with the COVID-19 positive student. The COVID-19 positive student/family is able to return to school when they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC.

: If an employee gets COVID-19 the school will notify the families of any student that may have been in close contact with the COVID-19 positive employee.

The school will notify all employees in the building.

The St. Charles County Health Department will perform contact tracking and provide instruction to individuals who may have had extended close contact with the COVID-19 positive employee. The COVID-19 positive employee is able to return to school when they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC.

Sincerely in Christ,

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