

ST THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

COVID PROTOCOLS

2021-2022

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Mission Statement

*St Theresa Catholic School is committed to Catholic Faith formation,
academic excellence and service
In a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.*

INTRODUCTION

This updated plan has been created to aid in the navigation of returning to school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to school for the 2021-2022 School Year. The school will continue to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Archdiocese of Miami Department of Schools. Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by the organizations mentioned above.

COVERAGE

This Plan has been promulgated to assist with preventing the spread of COVID-19; however, COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is extremely contagious. The Archdiocese cannot guarantee that an employee, student, volunteer, contractor or other campus visitor will not become infected with COVID-19. This Plan, and any other related policies and procedures, may be revised at any time with or without prior notice and the specific provisions may be subject to the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools and School Principals.

ADOM and STS continue to monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Florida and update our parents.

MASK USAGE:

(ADOM) Masks are required for all individuals (students, employees, volunteers) in elementary schools regardless of vaccination status while indoors. Masks are optional outdoors.

At the discretion of the school, masks are to be worn by students and staff during drop off and pick up (to and from the classrooms even if outdoors) and during passing periods when hallways are outside.

Outdoor mask option includes during outdoor times of scheduled recess, playground, lunch (including eating) and any vigorous activity (e.g. PE, Sports, extracurricular activities, etc.)

TRAVEL:

Travel requirements for travel within Florida, within the US but outside Florida and internationally have been updated and simplified with respect to the need for quarantine and testing upon return. Those requirements of the Archdiocese of Miami policy are as follows, and are effective immediately.

FOR THE UNVACCINATED STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF

- Within Florida --No quarantine or testing required for travel within Florida
- Outside FL but within USA – quarantine and testing (7-day + PCR) at DISCRETION of school/parish
- International - quarantine and testing (7-day + PCR) is MANDATORY

The school will continue with the travel forms provided by the Archdiocese. We will continue to follow the protocol of submitting the forms to Nurse Berre for final review.

FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED STUDENT, FACULTY, STAFF

- Within Florida --No quarantine or testing required for travel within Florida
- Outside FL but within USA – NO quarantine or testing required
- International – NO quarantine; testing (PCR) is MANDATORY, on day 3, 4, or 5, with report to the school/parish

The school will continue with the travel forms provided by the Archdiocese. We will continue to follow the protocol of submitting the forms to Nurse Berre for final review.

If a staff member or student is fully vaccinated, proof of the CDC vaccination card is required. Please bring to the front office where Nurse Berre will take a copy of the card for the child's or staff member's health records.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

DROP OFF IN THE MORNING:

- Families may drop off either in the South lot or Indian Mound Trail gate.
- Indian Mound Trail:
 - Parents are to pull up to the directed stop on Indian Mound Trail.
 - Child should be on the passenger's side of the car (right hand side). Back Packs and lunches should be ready to take out and NOT placed in the trunks of the cars.
 - If dropping of a child by hand: The child will enter the Indian Mound Trail Gate
 - Parents are NOT to congregate in front of the gate and will be asked to move on by a school staff member.
 - Younger/new students will be directed to classes by STS staff members.
- South Lot (Sevilla Ave)
 - PreK and other grades may drive through and drop off their children. Please do NOT have bookbags in the trunk but have with the child so he/she can come out from the right hand side of the car and leave. Parents will NOT drop off their children at their classrooms.
- Students will disinfect hands before entering the building.
- No temperature checks or health checks will be done this year unless there is a change in Covid status.
- Students and staff are to wear masks to class, in hallways and indoors as per the ADOM requirements.
- Adults or volunteers will not be permitted to enter the school during drop off or pick up until further notice.
- Rainy Days: Cars will be directed into both lots.

PICK UP IN THE AFTERNOON

- The school will continue to use the PickMyKid program.
- New families will receive instructions for downloading the PickMyKid app.
- PreK will have their own drive in and pick up procedure.
- **Grades Kinder – 3** (If the 3rd grader is an only child or has a younger sibling) will be picked up in the North Lot (Indian Mound) and **Grades 4-8 (and any 3rd grader with an older sibling)** in the South Lot (Sevilla Ave)
- Be sure to “Announce” on your app at the designated spot so that children can be called down in a timely manner.
- Be sure to have an 8.5X11 card on your dashboard with the following in LARGE PRINT:
 - Last Name
 - PickMyKid Student number
- Adults or volunteers will not be permitted to enter the school during pick up.
- Masks are to be worn while walking to the car.

DAILY PROTOCOLS

- Daily and frequent disinfecting of common touch spots, bathrooms, and desks will continue as last year.
- Adults and volunteers who check in at the office and will be limited in entering the school until further notice.
- Nightly disinfecting will continue by the cleaning company as per last year.
- Students in the Upper Grades and Special Areas:
 - Will exchange classes. Students must wear masks while exchanging.
 - Teachers will disinfect frequently all common touch areas in between classes.

CAFETERIA

- Students will eat in the cafeteria following Covid protocols
 - No more than 6 to a table keeping proper distancing
 - Homerooms will rotate weekly: 2 classes in the cafeteria and 1 outside for lunch.

- Tables will be disinfected in between lunch periods
- Masks do not need to be worn while eating or playing outside.
 - Masks will need to be put back on once recess/lunch is over.

AFTER CARE AND LATE PICK UP:

- After Care and Late Pick Up will resume. The date will be within the second week of school.
- Students will follow the same protocols as for the daily routine of school for mask wearing indoors and outdoors.
- Disinfection of classrooms used will be done by the After Care and Night cleaning crew.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

- The Archdiocese is permitting the resumption of Elementary School Athletics. Once these guidelines are sent in, we will communicate them to the parents.

Please remember that our policy remains continuously under review and is subject to change as the pandemic evolves. As always, we are fully committed to the safety and wellbeing of your child. I know that we will have a positive and successful school year together!

