

Saint Simon Parish School
COVID-19 Protocol Updates Effective April 14, 2022

As of April 6, 2022, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department has updated its webpages to address new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California (updated 04/06/22), Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs (updated 3/12/22), and Guidance for the Use of Face Masks (updated 2/28/22). Schools in the Diocese of San Jose continue to align with these guidelines.

1. Masking

General Guidelines

- All students, staff and volunteers should continue to bring a mask to school.
- Indoor masking is highly recommended, but is optional.
- Outdoor masking is optional.
- Students who do not want to wear their masks may either keep their mask in their backpack or wear it and lower it under their chin.

In-school Exposure

- When students, staff, and volunteers have had an exposure, wearing a mask for at least 10 days after their exposure is strongly recommended. This includes for arrival, morning assembly, dismissal, and during the school day except when actively eating.

Out-of-school Close Contacts

- When a student, staff member or volunteer is a close contact with someone outside of the school setting, we will follow the [Santa Clara County guidelines](#), which address masking and quarantining.

2. Lunch seating – Students may sit six students/table.

3. Arrival – There will be no change to the arrival procedure except masking will not be required when arriving at school or for morning assembly.

4. Dismissal -There will be no change to the dismissal procedure for this year except that masking will not be required at dismissal. We do plan to return to our pre-COVID dismissal procedure for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Restroom procedures – There is no change to the restroom procedures except that students are not required to wear a mask when using the restroom.

6. Health Office – Anyone who goes to the health office must wear a mask. Masks are still required in health care settings, and the health office is included in this category.

7. Water fountains – The water fountains will be available for use.

8. Mass – The entire school will be attending weekly Mass. Parishioners and other visitors will be invited to sit in the section on the right of the Church when facing the altar. If additional space is needed, one or more classes will move to Spooner Hall. Students will be seated so that there is a row between each grade level.
9. Volunteers
 - Volunteers may help in indoor settings.
 - The volunteer requirements remain the same except that weekly testing is no longer required. Additional changes to the volunteer requirements may be forthcoming.
 - All volunteers should sign in at the computer kiosk in the school lobby to obtain a yellow visitor's badge.
10. Testing
 - Routine testing is optional.
 - COVID Testing Today will continue to come to campus weekly.
 - We plan to continue to have all students who are signed up with COVID Testing Today continue with the weekly testing unless the school receives notification from a parent that they no longer want their child tested. These students will remain registered with COVID Testing Today, but will not be brought for the weekly testing.
 - Testing is still required for anyone who has any symptoms of COVID-19, has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or to shorten any isolation or quarantine period.

As always, we will continue to evaluate our protocols and make any necessary adjustments as conditions change.