



# RESTART SMART

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL  
RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN  
2020-2021

# INTRODUCTION

With the emergence of the novel coronavirus, our students and families showed great resilience as administrators and teachers quickly and unexpectedly transitioned from traditional classrooms to distance learning last spring. Over the past four months, much has been learned not only about the virus, but also about how we can best provide students with the strong academic experience that is a hallmark of St. Peter's School in the midst of a pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming students, faculty, and staff back to campus in the fall full time. We understand transitioning back to school presents significant challenges as uncertainty about the virus' impact on our community persists. Much work has gone into creating a plan to serve as a roadmap as we respond to changing public health conditions, to support our diverse student population, to provide quality instruction, to ensure the safety of students and faculty, and to allow flexibility, enabling families to make choices that they feel comfortable with for their children.

St. Peter's ***Restart Smart*** Plan was developed by administrators in consultation with the Diocese of Toledo, the Ohio Board of Education, the Ohio Department of Health, and Richland County Public Health; with support from St. Peter's Strategic Planning Committee and Education Commission; and informed by feedback from faculty, staff, parents, and students. Predicting the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in the months to come is unfeasible, as such this plan not only details the health and safety measures in place for a return to campus, but also outlines the way St. Peter's School will respond to changing public and campus health conditions.

Across our campus, much thought is going into and much work is being done to provide our students with a healthy and successful school year. We want to express our gratitude to our faculty members who have spent their spring and summer preparing for multiple scenarios, so no matter the circumstances, we face them Spartan Strong. We cannot wait to welcome your students back to campus.

# ABOUT COVID-19

St. Peter's **Restart Smart** Plan is informed by the current knowledge about the coronavirus pandemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "COVID-19 is a disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus. . . linked to the same family of viruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and some types of common cold" with symptoms such as "fever, cough and shortness of breath. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia or breathing difficulties. More rarely, the disease can be fatal."

The virus is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person (such as from coughing or sneezing) or from touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and touching their face. To limit the spread of the virus, The Ohio Department of Public Health and CDC suggest:

- Social Distancing
- Increased, routine cleaning and sanitation
- Staying home when ill, exposed to COVID-19, and/or recovering from illness
- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Wearing cloth face coverings, particularly when social distancing is difficult
- Discouraging the use of shared items
- Increasing circulation of outside air
- Minimizing use of water fountains
- Closing communal and shared spaces
- Limiting non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities



# THE ROLE OF FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

Our families play a vital role in ensuring safety on campus for the entire St. Peter's Community. We acknowledge that some of our community members are at greater risk of suffering from the severest forms of this virus and that it is our responsibility to prioritize their health and safety. As a community we must do our part to adhere to state health recommendations to ensure that our schools can remain open and our curve remain flattened.

At this time, we ask families to be **SPARTANS**:

- **Stay** home if sick or exposed to the virus. Further details regarding our sick/absence policy will be available later in the summer.
- **Provide** any required PPE for your student such as face masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc. to provide for the safety for all students on campus.
- **Adhere** to federal, state, and local orders and recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Reinforce** good hygiene at home such as frequent hand washing, avoiding touching the face, etc.
- **Track** your student's health daily and never send them to school with a temperature of 100 or any symptoms of illness.
- **Avoid** unnecessary travel and notify our offices if your student will be travelling out of state.
- **Notify** our office and Richland Public Health if your student or a family member tests positive for COVID-19.



# INVESTING IN SAFETY AND QUALITY

St. Peter's School is committed to providing safe in-person instruction and high-quality distance learning if public health conditions require it. To do so, St. Peter's is investing in enhanced COVID-19 safety measures, additional technology to allow for a smooth pivot to distance learning, and for the professional development of faculty and staff to support them as they face the new challenges of schooling through a pandemic. Specifically, St. Peter's is investing in the following:

## ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES

- Amplified cleaning and disinfecting practices.
- Daily thermal scans for early fever detection.
- Designated area for students who may be exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
- Modified cafeteria operations that will allow for social distancing.
- Providing PPE for faculty, staff, as well as for students in need.
- Reconfiguring campus spaces to provide for physical distancing.

## TECHNOLOGY

- Ensuring every student is issued an iPad with all necessary software to participate in remote learning
- Moving to cashless transactions for tuition, fees and cafeteria purchases.
- Providing mobile hotspots to families in need during remote learning periods.
- Providing opportunities to educate families about remote learning technology.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Providing faculty and staff with training regarding health precautions, safety measures, and classroom cleaning and disinfecting.
- Providing faculty with training and guidance regarding using technology for online learning and support.

# CAMPUS REOPENING IN RESPONSE TO ALERT LEVELS

Because of the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19’s continued impact on our community and on individual students, St. Peter’s administration and faculty have prepared for multiple scenarios based on Governor DeWine’s color-coded alert system and our own campus indicators. Administrators will monitor the campus’ level of risk daily based upon Richland County’s alert level and campus-specific factors such as reported illnesses, absences, and results of daily health assessments. Based on these factors, a color will be assigned to campus and, should need be, schooling will shift in accordance with the current health situation. Every effort will be made to notify parents as soon as possible should such a shift be necessary.

**Any student, regardless of grade-level, can begin or continue remote learning at any time should that option best fit a family’s needs, comfort-level, or should a student need to be absent for an extended period.**

LEVEL OF ALERT	COMMUNITY HEALTH CONDITIONS	TYPE OF SCHOOLING
 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-1 indicators; low spread risk</li> <li>No known COVID-19 cases on campus</li> <li>Close adherence to safety protocols by families, faculty, and students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face instruction on campus for all students (Pre-K- 12) with remote learning options provided for all students.</li> <li>Adherence to all health and safety guidelines and recommendations.</li> </ul>
 Moderate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 indicators; displays increased exposure and spread</li> <li>Possible COVID-19 case on campus</li> <li>Families, faculty, and students not adhering as closely to safety protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face to face instruction on campus for all students (Pre-K-12) with remote learning options provided for all students.</li> <li>Heightened safety measures and use of additional PPE</li> </ul>
 Heightened Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-5 indicators; displays very high exposure and spread</li> <li>Several possible COVID-19 cases on campus</li> <li>Families, faculty, and students struggling to adhere to safety protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remote learning for all students.</li> <li>Campus closed except to essential staff.</li> </ul>
 High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-7 indicators; severe exposure and spread</li> <li>Known cases of COVID-19 on campus</li> <li>Stay at Home or School Closing Order by Governor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remote learning for all students</li> <li>Campus closed to all except essential staff</li> </ul>

# HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

As we prepare to reopen campus, ensuring the health and safety of students and faculty is our highest priority. As such, regardless of the alert level, we plan to implement the following the measures.

<b>Physical Distancing</b>	Movement on campus will be altered to avoid congestion. Classrooms will be reconfigured to abide by the CDC's recommendations for social distancing to limit the risk of exposure, while still allowing students to engage in social interaction.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</b>	Faculty and staff will be provided with all necessary PPE, allowing them to safely conduct all school functions. All students grades 3-12 will wear cloth face coverings at times when safe physical distancing cannot be ensured. Masks are strongly recommended for grades K-2. Please send a clean mask in with your student daily; if you cannot, one can be provided to you if requested.
<b>Decreased Mixing of Students</b>	Schedules and building usage will be configured in a way that minimizes the mixing of grade levels to avoid viral transmission and allows us to quarantine small groups if necessary without having to transition completely to distance learning should an infection occur.
<b>Hand Hygiene</b>	Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at every school entrance. Additionally students, faculty, and staff will engage in a regular schedule of hand washing.
<b>Enhanced Cleaning/ Disinfecting Schedule</b>	In compliance with ODH and CDC recommendations, cleaning and sanitizing surfaces will be increased and recommended products will be used.
<b>Health Screenings</b>	Families are asked to assess their student's physical health daily and to never send a child exhibiting flu-like symptoms or presenting a fever to school. Temperature checks and physical assessments will take place regularly at school.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES (CONT.)

<b>Updated Sick and Attendance Policies</b>	<p>To minimize the amount of ill individuals on campus, St. Peter’s School is developing enhanced sick policies that will be strictly enforced and methods to provide remote learning to mildly ill and asymptomatic students.</p>
<b>Quarantine and Contact Tracing</b>	<p>Students exhibiting flu-like symptoms will be isolated in a separate space to avoid transmission and one emergency contact will need to pick up student within an hour. Should a COVID-19 case arise within the school, every effort will be made to notify families with students or staff who may have been in contact with the individual.</p>
<b>Cafeteria/ Food Service</b>	<p>Food service will be revised in order to limit contact and maintain physical distancing. We are anticipating that self-service and use of the cafeteria for dining will be unavailable. In such a case, meals will be transported and all transactions will be cashless. Parents are encouraged to send in lunches if able.</p>
<b>Reduction of Shared Materials</b>	<p>Teaching practices will be altered to reduce the amount of shared equipment and learning materials. The items travelling from home to school will be limited.</p>
<b>Campus Visitors and Volunteers</b>	<p>The presence of visitors on campus will be limited and all entering buildings will be screened. In times of heightened levels of alert, visitors may be required to make an appointment and adhere to additional safety measures.</p>
<b>Assemblies, Field Trips, and Large Group Gatherings</b>	<p>Any gathering where physical distancing is not possible or where the number exceeds those allowed by state health officials will be held virtually. Field trips will not resume at this time.</p>

# QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

We understand our initial plan may not answer all of your questions. Rest assured, we will continue to keep you updated as this plan develops and will send out detailed information that further explains the daily schedule, pick up and drop off procedures, food service, sick and attendance policies, requirements regarding PPE, etc.

We support the health and well-being of every member of the St. Peter's community. While our goal is to see all students, faculty, and staff back on campus in the fall, we recognize that every situation is unique and that some individuals have personal health situations that put them at increased risk for COVID-19. If your student(s) is immunocompromised or if you have particular concerns about their return to campus, please contact your building principal.

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## ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Peter's School is currently accepting applications for the fall. However, due to our commitment to abiding by the safety recommendations in place, space is limited. If you are interested in enrolling or would like more information, please contact the appropriate building principal to begin the application process.

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